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4 die in triple suicide-bombing

PM after J'lem attack: We can't continue this way

By STEVE RODAN, ELLI WOHLGELERNTER, MARGOT DUDKEVITCH. and news agencies

In what security officials described as the most ambitious terror attack in years, three suspected Islamic terrorists, standing on both sides of Jerusalem's Rehov Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall, blew themselves up yesterday afternoon, killing four people and wounding 192.

One of the victims was identified as Yael Botwin, 14, a ninth grader at the Omanuyot religious high school of the arts. The others have been identified as a 20-year-old man, a 15-year-old girl, and another young

Security officials said the attack appeared to be the work of the same organization that carried out the July Mahaneh Yehuda bombing,

secure environment in the region. "It is clear that the perpetrators of this attack intended to kill both innocent people and the peace process itself," he said. "They must not be allowed to succeed. Everything possible must be done to stop them. The

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peace process can only move forward in a secure environment." Calling the bombing "an outrageous and inhuman act," Clinton

which killed 15 people. They said yesterday's attack could have been far bloodier had the suicide bombers not detonated relatively small bombs, and had not arrived during the hottest part of the day when the area was less crowded.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, after visiting wounded victims at Shaare Zedek Hospital, said that "the citizens of Israel will not be guinea pigs to test Yasser Arafat's goodwill or credibility. I am not ready to continue this way. We will go a different route. We will fundamentally reassess the entire

process." Netanyahu stressed that Israel "cannot continue with the diplomatic process as is. Despite our outrage, we will weigh our next moves coolly and we will review our approach to the entire negotiating process."

He argued that "we had given

Arafat and the Palestinian Authority a chance and they had failed abysmally. The time has come for us to draw the proper conclusions."

After visiting the wounded, Netanyahu convened an emergency security cabinet meeting attended by General Security Service chief Ami Ayalon, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, and Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, to assess the situation and decide what steps to take.

Shortly after, Mordechai told Channe! I that Israel had canceled a planned meeting for last night between Israeli and Palestinian security officials and the CIA.

There is no point in talking, now is the time to act," said Mordechai. US President Bill Clinton, speaking at a hastily arranged news conference on Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, where he is vacationing, called on the PA to work on its own and with the Israelis to create a

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ing the monarchy."

Ben-Yehuda

are with the victims and their families, and all the people of Israel." Despite the attack, he said, he is sending Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to the region next week as scheduled.

right out there and we keep pushing this thing," he added.

Mordechai ordered a closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

ing, saying they would act to capture those responsible for the attack. Arafat summoned his cabinet and security officials, and Palestinian officials said they expect widespread arrests of Islamic militants.

ed that two senior members of the organization were taken into custody by PA security forces. One was identified as Jabal Mansour of Nablus, and the other as Mahmad Musalah of Ramallah.

had grounded his helicopter, effectively confining him to the Gaza

my helicopter can't leave," he told CBS News. "I can't leave Gaza for the cabinet meeting in Ramallah. Do

Arafat had been due to fly to Ramallah this morning to attend a cabinet meeting later tonight.

tion authorities under interim peace deals signed since 1993.

helicopter had been grounded. The

anonymous callers had phoned news agencies claiming Hamas had claimed responsibility for the attack. One caller demanded the release of Palestinian security prisoners specifically Sheikh Ahmed Yassin

said that his "thoughts and prayers

"I think it's all the more important for Secretary Albright to go. I think it's important that she go on and go

An hour after the bombing,

PA officials condemned the bomb-

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Arafat said last night that Israel

"I was informed by the Israelis that

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first time was last September, when Palestinians rioted following the opening of the Western Wall Tunnel Conflicting reports yesterday said

and Hizbullah leader Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid - by 9 p.m. on

September 14, saying that otherwise tered glass as high as two stories and more terror attacks would take place.

A report in Wednesday's Chicago Tribune had quoted former Hamas leader Imad Falouji, PA Minister of Communications and a member of the PA cabinet, as saying that other suicide bombings will occur in

"Another explosion will happen of course," he said. "Palestinians have patience, but if this starvation continues, watch for the revolution. If the Palestinians feel they are losing their dignity, if they feel Israel is playing with them, it will be very difficult to hold them back."

Falouji, who considers himself a bridge between the PA and Hamas, reportedly blamed Netanyahu for the stalemate, because of what he called the "hard-line Israeli government

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, who is visiting Moscow, said that "Arafat is the inspiration and orchestrator of all these terrorist actions. The peace process will not continue in the same pattern as it has taken place up until now, that's for sure. There will be changes and we will announce the changes later." He added that he was cutting short his visit to Moscow to return

The attack took place at 3:09 p.m., along the upper portion of the pedes-trian mall. Two of the attackers - all of whom were dressed in wigs in an effort to blend in with the crowd detonated their bombs in quick succession. About 10 seconds later, the

third bomber set off his explosives. The suicide bombers, in their twenties, carried a relatively small amount of explosives mixed with metal, screws and bolts.

Pedestrians and shopkeepers ran down the street as the bombs shat-

A policewoman helps a blast-shocked woman from Jerusalem's Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall following yesterday's triple-suicide bombing. ruptured ceilings inside nearby

> to the buildings," said Golan Guy, a repairman on duty. "The bodies were lying in front of us." Menashe Shemesh, a taxi driver,

was in a dispatch station just off Ben-Yehuda, waiting for his 12year-old grandson to arrive.

"I went out of the store and saw the body of a blonde woman," he said. "The bottom half of her was torn off. I was looking for my grandson and I couldn't find him. There were bodies and legs every-

Meir Indor, head of the Terror Victims Association, said he saw a woman yelling who was seriously wounded by shrapnel. "Her eyes were like she was dead and she kept yelling that her hands were burn-

At a nearby cafe, a woman was nursing her baby when the bombs went off. Indor said. They were both crying and the skin burned off both of their arms." he said.

Police and ambulances arrived within minutes, as the area was sealed off and the wounded were evacuated. Sappers searched the area for more explosives in nearby shops and building entrances.

Two of the suicide bombers were lying on the pavement, one in front of Discount Bank's main branch and the other in front of a storefront opposite. A third bomber was found lying in an alley. Next to him was a belt that apparently held the explo-

Security officials said they could not immediately identify the bombers, and compared the attack to that of the Mahaneh Yehuda outrage

"The same method was used at Mahaneh Yehuda," Internal Security

Minister Avigdor Kahalani said. "The damage here was less." Kahalani said he did not regret having eased the closure earlier this

week. He stressed that Palestinians have easily crossed into Israel from the West Bank despite the IDF mea-

Hefetz said deploying more police-

Officials appeared frustrated by the bombings, which took place within sight of police patrols on Ben-Yehuda and adjacent streets. Police Inspector-General Assaf

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"It can stop shootings, but not suicide bombers," Hefetz said. "Taking care of the terrorist infrastructure is the key."

Sarah Honig contributed to this redort

ANALYSIS

Pattern of escalating terror

By MARK A. HELLER

Yesterday's bombing was the third such attack inside Israel in less than a year. In statistical terms, this is too small a sample to justify generalizations. Nevertheless, something of a pattern seems to be emerging, and it includes the following elements:

The terrorists are becoming more sophisticated. The bomb in the Apropo cafe in Tel Aviv last March was placed by a lone terrorist, who may not have even intended to blow himself up. Mahaneh Yehuda was attacked by two suicide bombers, who set off their charges almost simultaneously. Yesterday's attack involved three suicide bombers, who maintained a lineof-sight and apparently communicated with each other through signals.

This is qualitative escalation, and it is made possible not only by the terrorists' own audacity, but also by an effective local support system for planning and logistics, regardless of where the bombers themselves actually came from. This means that one of Oslo's basic assumptions - that the Palestinian Authority would counter Palestinian terrorism more effectively than Israel could when it was in control of the territories - is not operative. Indeed, Yasser Arafat, by announcing after the bombing that the PA would now resume security cooperation, implicitly admitted that it had done so previously.

This government's counter-terror strategy is no more effective than the previous one's. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu declared immediately after the bombing that he would consult with his colleagues and security advisers and elaborate a response that will change the fundamental basis of the Israeli-Palestinian

But his essential promise to voters who were disillusioned with the last government's response to terrorism was that he already had a better alternative. If that was the case, why is it necessary to start consulting only now, 15 months and three bombings after the election? And if it wasn't the case, then Netanyahu needs to make up for lost time and quickly explain how a "secure peace" is to be achieved

No purpose is served by dwelling on the past, but a modest acknowledgement that Yitzbak Rabin and Shimon Peres were not entirely to blame for past bombings might be in order.

This bombing, like the last one, comes shortly before the scheduled visit of a senior American official hoping to revitalize the peace process. If this is anything more than sheer coincidence, it means that the imminent arrival of American peacemakers is an incentive for Palestinian rejectionists to blow Israelis up in the hope that an act of terrorism will derail efforts to get negotiations back on track. And that is precisely why Secretary of State

Madeleine Albright should carry out this particular visit as planned. But given the mood in the country now, there is even less likelihood than before that she will be able to discuss anything except security with her Israeli hosts. And that means that the chances of any significant movement on political matters have been reduced from slim to almost none.

If no one is able to sever the apparent link between American travel to the region and the incidence of terrorism, it might be better to pursue future mediation

Elton John to sing at Diana's funeral

LONDON (Reuters) - Elton John will sing at Princess Diana's fungral tomorrow, but the royal family will not play an active part in the proceedings at London's Westminster

Bückingham Palace officials yesterday released details of a day of ceremony and mourning involving royalty and commoners, which they said broke with precedent to honor

the princess. Elton John will sing a rewritten version of "Candle in the Wind," his 1970s tribute to Marilyn Monroe and a young life snuffed out in its prime.
Instead of "Good-bye Norma

Jean," Elton will sing new words by his regular lyricist Bernie Tanpin: "Good-bye England's rose, may

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you ever grow in our hearts/You were the grace that placed itself where lives were torn apart."

Diana had comforted John at the funeral of fashion king Gianni Versace in July at Milan's cathe-

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By SARAH HONIG

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will visit the region as scheduled, despite yesterday's attack. She will, however, face a much grimmer, more determined Israeli side.

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi said last night that "a new, creative policy is being set in motion as a response to the deep disappointment in the Palestinian Authority's failure to live up to its bargain. The need now is to return full freedom to act to the IDF. The time for a defensive stance alone is over."

Hanegbi spoke to reporters after a consultation with top security advisers called by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. More consultations will follow this morning at a specially convened session of the defense cabinet.

Sources said that "important decisions" can be expected from that meeting and that these decisions had been deliberately put off until this morning so as not to be seen as taken in a state of emotional upheaval.

Israel is now facing what was described by those around Netanyahu as the greatest crisis ever with the PA, mostly because of the cumulative effect of the terrorist attacks and the fact that they are not being prevented by the PA.

A meeting which was to have taken last night among representatives of the General Security Service, their PA counterparts, and the US Central Intelligence Agency was called off after Israel said there was no point to what would be a meaningless rite.

Albright, who is currently in Prague, phoned Netanyahu last night, as he was consulting with GSS chief Ami Ayalon and Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak. Netanyahu urged



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu gestures during a press conference at Shaare Zedek Hospital.

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"peace process" with chief PLO Arab terrorist Yasser Arafat.

But while she may not change her itinerary, the content of her

visit will not be the same. "We are changing the rules of the game," cabinet secretary Dan Naveh said last night, "We had given [PA Chairman Yasser] Arafat a chance for over a year and he blew it. He did nothing.

"This means that the same policy which we followed thus far will have to be replaced. What was is not what will be. The six-monthold baby hurt in the blast is not interested in Arafat's excuses and lip service. Neither are the rest of Israel's citizens. This will not go on. The fact is that since the July bombing at the Mahageh Yehuda market. Arafat did nothing and

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this is insufferable." The only issue the Israeli side will discuss with Albright will be the fight against the terrorist infrastructure, "the need to disarm the

terrorists, and most of all to end incitement. Terrorism is not born of economic hardship, but is a product of constant incitement and brain-washing. Arafat was not even willing to do what President [Ezer] Weizman asked - that he announce publicly that the armed struggle against Israel is over," said Netanyahu adviser David Bar-Illan. "This reinforces our position

that the issue of combatting terrorism is the one and only issue on the table during Albright's visit." Jordan's King Hussein phoned Netanyahu last night and condemned the attack. He extended his personal condolences to the wounded a speedy recovery.

By STEVE RODAN

The Palestinian Authority yesterday condemned the bombings in Jerusalem and arrested two Hamas activists, but senior officials blamed the IDF closure for hindering Palestinian efforts to fight terrorism.

I condemn completely these terrorist activities which are against all of the people of the region," PA Chairman Yasser Arafat said after meeting a US consular official. "It is against the Israeli people, the Palestinian people, the whole peace process. PA officials maintained that they

had intelligence about a planned attack against Israel. They also warned that the renewed closure would only harm Palestinian

efforts to capture suspects.

A senior official said the suicide bombers were trying to derail attempts to renew peace talks with

PA cabinet secretary Ahmed Abdul Rahman told reporters in Gaza that his government would "do our best to investigate and find those behind the bombings." Hours later, Hamas sources

reported that PA security forces took two senior members into custody, Jabal Mansour of Nablus and

Mahmad Musalah of Ramallah. Still, some Palestinian officials said they would not comply with Israeli demands to detain up to 150 Hamas and Jihad leaders.

In a leaflet distributed Ramaliah, Hamas claimed that its military wing was responsible for the bombings, and called on Israel to release Palestinian prisoners by September 14. A similar statement was released after the Mahaneh Yehuda bombings.

Some PA officials asserted that right-wing Israelis, supported by allies in the General Security Service, staged the bombings in an attempt to halt US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's visit

They also accused Israel of trying to prevent a redeployment of IDF troops in the West Bank, which was scheduled for this month. One of those to hint at such a conspiracy theory was PA Secretary-General Tayeb Abdul

Rahim. "In my opinion, the one who carried out this incident, or the terrorist attack, doesn't want Mrs. Albright coming to the region and doesn't want the diplomatic process to succeed, "Abdul Rahim told the Voice of Palestine radio.

"As I said, I have many questions, many suspicions, since this action and its results achieve the goals of those who do not want the peace process to continue and do not want to fulfill the obligations of the interim stage and renew the negotiations on the permanent

solution," he said. Abdel Rahim said that over the past few days PA security chiefs received reports of attempts to stage bombings in Israel in advance of Albright's September 10 arrival.

He said the IDF closure of the territories, including the scaling of Bethlehem, prevented PA security forces from acting on the informa-

Hanan Ashrawi, responsible for higher education in the PA, also said that the closure made it easier for suicide bombers to operate and urged Israel to lift the restric-

Mohammed Najib contributed to this report.

Officials: We knew central Jerusalem was next target

By STEVE RODAN

Security officials, calling for a new countenerrorism strategy, said last night they had known that Islamic militants were planning a suicide bombing in downtown Jerusalem, but failed to obtain details that could have foiled their

The officials acknowledged that they have been unable to counter a new terrorist strategy that aims to kill as many Jews as possible with-

out taking credit for the operations. "It is this policy that allows for the continuation of terror attacks and for [Palestinian Authority chief Yasser] Arafat to say that he's not responsible," an official said, "Arafat hasn't done anything against the terrorist infrastructure, yet he actually is bragging to the

Americans how much he is doing." General Security Service agents worked furiously through the night trying to identify the bodies of the three suicide bombers.

They tested for details that could

Officials said they believe that the terrorists were sent by the same organization that carried out the Mahaneh Yehuda attack. They said the terrorists succeeded in concealing both their identities as well as the type of explosives, which were unlike any used in previous attacks.

"In the past, identification was easy," a senior security official said. "An organization took credit and announced the suicide bomber and the family held public mourning. This no longer happens."

The official said the new terrorist tactic emerged with the bombing of Tel Aviv's Apropo cafe in March. The attacker was from a Hamas-aligned cell from Tzurif, a group that took no credit for the killing of scores of Israelis over the previous two years.

The Tzurif cell, the official said, was not composed of suicide bombers and the terrorist who planted the bomb in the cafe had failed to escape in time. His identity was learned from the Israeli

Security officials said they simply cannot do more to prevent terrorist attacks under current circumstances. They said despite a new policy to improve coordination between security agencies and increase information-gathering, intelligence on Islamic terrorism remains poor and cooperation with

the PA is meager.

Those who used to cooperate with Israel, including the heads of the Preventive Security Apparatus in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Jibril Rajoub and Mohammed Dahlan, now do so only under direct orders from Arafat.

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Full closure imposed

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The IDF reimposed the closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip following yesterday's attack after easing it earlier this week and demanded that all Palestinian workers inside Israel return to their homes.

In addition, internal closures were ordered on villages and towns under Palestinian control, and Palestinians were barred from industrial zones in Judea and Samaria, Israelis were also barred from entering these areas.

The IDF Spokesman stressed Palestinians from Judea and Santaria requiring urgent medical attention would be allowed to enter Israel and medical equipment from Judea and Samaria would be allowed through to hospitals in east Jerusalem.

According to security officials. the explosives used in the attack were similar to those used in the Mahaneh Yehuda attack on July

The bombs, they said, were less powerful, adding the reason fewer people were killed and the majority of those wounded suffered lighter injuries was because the bombs were detonated in the open and not in a closed area like Mahaneh Yehuda.

Several hours after the attack, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu convened an emergency meeting with security officials, including Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, General Security Service chief Ami Ayalon, Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, and other IDF officers.

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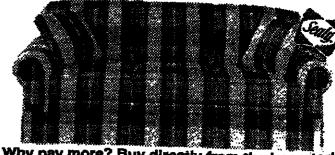
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Veteran jeweler stands defiant

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

Rafael Chen was sitting in his jewelry store at Rehov Ben-Yehuda 7 just 45 minutes after the bombing, still shaken; just outside his shop lay the dismembered body of one of the terrorists.

"I was tending to a customer here when I heard the sound," he said.

'Then a second, and a third. We ran upstairs - I was afraid they were going to come through with a machine gun and kill everyone.

Chen has operated his little shop for 20 years and remembers three or four previous bombings. "But none of them was like this," he

As a veteran of the downtown mall, Chen said, he knows the

"I'm always on the lookout, checking under tables and chairs, checking for packages, and I always tell tourists who come in here, 'Always look around you, be careful," " he said.

Immediately after the explosion, family members called to see if he had been hurt.

"I told the first few who called to call the others, to let them know I'm OK. I knew it would be impossible to get through on the phone, and that they'd all be wor-

Chen said that although "my heart is still pounding - I have to go home now and rest awhile" - be still planned to open his shop this morning.

"I am not afraid," he said defiantly, his voice rising. "The customers may not come because they're afraid, but I want davka to These are dirty people who do

this, people who don't want to live in this world. But they won't be successful - we are Jews, we are strong, we have a strong

Chen said the pedestrian mall used to always be filled with tourists, but they're not coming in



Police sergeant Gideon Katz comforts one of the victims of yesterday's terror attack. (Ariel Jerozolimski)

the same numbers anymore, and the summer had been very bad for

"French tourists were here and some Americans, but not like it used to be." Inevitably the talk turned to

"[Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu has to to do something serious with Arafat," he said."We give them NIS 100 million and they kill us? The money we pay to taxes we give to the Palestinians, and they're buying politics, the frustration pouring guns with our money - what's going on here?"

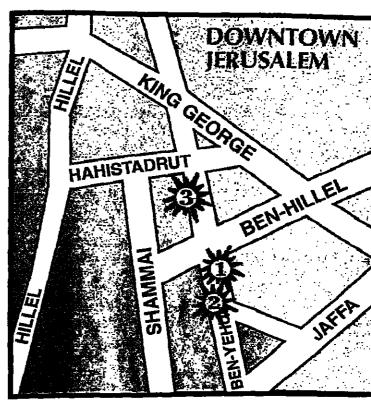
As he finished closing up shop, a security detail came into the lobby of his building, quickly pulling open cabinet doors to check for more explosives.

"It's OK," said Chen, "we're

"That's what they said outside," replied the security man.

At 3:09 p.m. yesterday, three bombs went off on the crowded Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall in downtown Jerusalem. The first, just outside the Mifgash Shaul restaurant, was followed seconds later by a blast outside the main branch of Israel Discount Bank, and a third outside the Bazaar Ben-Yehuda toy store.

Police said three suicide bombers, men in their 20s, positioned themselves along the busy commercial strip in a manner that allowed them to maintain eye contact. When one gave the signal, all three detonated their deadly devices, killing four and wounding 192.



An ugly deja vu

By ARYEN DEAN COHEN

It was an ugly deja vu. Just 36 days after the Mahaneh Yehuda market bombing, downtown Jerusalem was again jammed with ambulances yesterday afternoon, in an awful replay of scenes from the earlier attack.

Twenty minutes after the blast, Zion Square, usually a hub of colorful mid-afternoon pedestrian traffic, was completely closed off, as police on horseback hurried onlookers back, for fear of more bombs.

A young girl was led away from the direction of the blast, holding her mouth as her chest heaved rapidly. Three middle-aged women handed a cellular phone back and forth, looking back up Rehov Ben-Yehuda anxiously as they spoke to their loved ones. A group of dazed tourists stood with their backpacks pressed against the window of a bookstore, wondering how what had previously been only television footage had suddenly become reality for them, too.

Here and there, people who had been close to the bombs when they went off and escaped unharmed paused to regroup and talk about what they'd just seen. Boaz Zadok, 16, of Jerusalem stood over a friend who sat on the curb, wailing as she tried to remember where her friends were when the blasts occurred. "She's from our school, and some of our classmates were hurt there,

and were on the ground bleeding," he said. "We were at Bazaar Ben-Yehuda, talking to my uncle. We told my cousin that we were going down the street, and he stayed there talking when the bomb went off. I saw an arm go flying right by me. I saw an old man go flying - what didn't? Then there was another blast down below. We decided to go into a store, but when we did, glass started to fly all around. It was a complete madhouse."

"There was one explosion, and then I saw smoke," said Benny Ben-Ami of Safed. "Then two seconds later there was a second one and then a third one. People started

running like crazy, people crying, people bleeding."
"I didn't know where to run, I was so afraid," said another man. "There were three explosions, one, two. three, and I ran. I was in shock. Bodies went flying, heads, arms, legs. People didn't know whether to go into stores or not."

The usual post-bombing political debates erupted among the crowd, as a waiter from a nearby shop calmly distributed cups of water, then went back for more. "If I was in the army, I'd go into their villages, really wipe them out, and they would stop this real fast," said one man.

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"When I'm in the army in another six years, if I see an Arab, I'll blow his head off after what I saw today," a young boy said.

"But your prime minister let them in here," snapped an older woman.

"I say we have to take them and lock them up," said Yaniv Zafrani of Jerusalem. "Don't give them food or water. Let them rot. Let them stay in Gaza and Jericho and not come here. We don't want to see them here. Any Arab who comes here we should just beat up so they don't come here. Just like we're afraid to go there, they should feel the same way about coming here."

Asked about Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's campaign promise to bring a "secure peace" to Israel, Zafrani said: "I don't blame the prime minister, he's not to blame. He can't do it himself, he depends on his cabinet, and the world around us. The world should back the prime minister, because without it he can't do what he wants to do. He doesn't want them here either. No prime minister has been able to stop these attacks."

As helicopters hovered overhead and stores in the area closed, a young girl stood against a police vehicle, quietly reciting Psalms.

"It's not a pedestrian mall," a young man said passing by her, "it's Auschwitz."

COMMENT

How 'fortunate' we were

By HERB KEINON

"How many killed" is the immediate thought that races through the mind in those first horrible seconds after one hears of a bomb

The experience of the last two years has taught us to brace for the worst. The numbers start low, and then climb. Ten, 15, 20, 30 dead are numbers we have tragically become accustomed to.

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So it was with an odd sigh of relief that many in the country instinctively greeted yesterday's numbers, especially the initial reports which said that "only" one innocent person was killed, along with the three suicide bombers.

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Corridor were the victims of the next time around. criminal violence, not a terrorist outrage.

There were said to be seven dead in yesterday's attack, three of them the terrorists.

"We got off lucky this time," some will think. "It's a miracle more were not killed," others will

Commentators spoke about how the bombs caused less damage this time because they exploded in the open, not in an enclosed or roofedin area. Lucky.

Some luck. There is, indeed, a little solace and comfort to be derived from a "low body count." But only a little, and only if your friends and relatives are among the safe and sound. The very act of the attack is numbing, since the mind understands full well that if fewer people than usual were killed this time, we may not be as fortunate

Fortunate seems a contradictory way to speak about anything having to do with an attack that takes place in the middle of the day, in the middle of the nation's capital, in the middle of its busiest pedestrian mall. Fortunate seems an incongruous word when referring

to a triple bombing that kills four innocent people, and injures over

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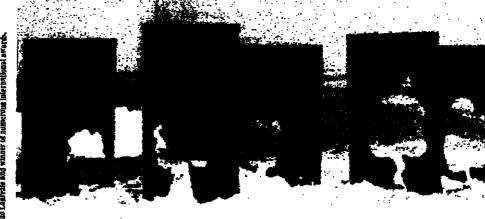
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Most victims treated for light injuries

By JUDY SIEGEL

Hadassah-University Hospital on Mt. Scopus received 42 victims of the blasts, two of them wounded seriously, eight of them moderately and the rest of them lightly. Many of the lightly hurt victims suffered from emotional trauma, cuts, and damage to their hearing.

At Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem, 38 victims were received, with one in critical, three in serious, four in moderate condition, with the remaining 30 lightly

The two Hadassah hospitals are

still treating nine victims from the July 30 Mahaneh Yehuda blast. Hadassah-Ein Kerem. Thirty-four other patients were suffering from One man is in the intensive respiratory care unit, while the others are being treated in the rehabilitation, plastic surgery, and burn

Bikur Holim Hospital received 38 victims yesterday, including the body of a 12-year-old girl Three victims arrived in serious condition: one needed to have a large nail removed from his spleen, while another had a large metal bolt in her neck.

A victim with a serious eye was transferred

light-to-moderate injuries.

Bikur Holim yesterday discharged the last of its Mahaneh Yehuda blast victims, Dalia

Shaare Zedek Hospital received 66 wounded, six of whom were sent home within a few hours. All suffered light to moderate wounds, including broken bones and lacerations.

Six people who were lightly wounded were treated by the Terem emergency medical service

Injured visitors not soured on Israel

By HEID! J. CLEIT

David Keinan and his family, visiting here from Los Angeles. had just finished lunch at a cafe on Rehov Ben-Yehuda yesterday afternoon and walked outside. Several steps later, three bombs went off, burning the five of

"When I was walking, I thought there could be a bomb, [and the bombs exploded) the same second it was on my mind. I'm sorry I was right," Keinan said from Shaare Zedek Hospital, where his cousin drove him, their wives, and his 11-year-old son, Ofer. They got there before most of the 66 other attack victims brought to Shaare Zedek by ambulances and

"We walked out of the restaurant, walked two steps, and suddenly I felt an explosion and it knocked me down and I covered my face," Keinan's wife Tammy said. "I got up and found my husband standing somewhere."

The five suffered light to moderate burns, and the Keinans will probably stay here for another week, though Ofer had been due to leave for LA on Sunday. Ofer said that he wants to stay in Jerusalem for a week until his burns begin to heal, because he feels hospitals in Jerusalem are

injuries he received in the terror attack than hospitals in Los

Angeles.
Shaare Zedek was definitely more prepared for the aftermath of a terror attack than US hospitals. Shortly after the attack, an alarm system went off throughout the hospital and doctors, nurses, and other medical personnel rushed to bring equipment to the emergency room, said Maya Goldenhersh, a 19-year-old Jerusalem resident who started her national service at Shaare

Zedek yesterday. "I was so impressed with how well they handled it," she said. Dozens of gurneys were lined

up in the parking lot outside the emergency room, and as each ambulance pulled up, a team of hospital workers methodically brought in the patient, as photographers snapped pictures and security guards kept them from getting too close.

"This hospital is, unfortunately, experienced," Shaare Zedek director Jonathan Halevy said. "We absorbed all the injured quickly." Many of the patients sounded

defiant and upbeat. When asked if she feels differently about Israel after being wounded in a terror attack,

Tammy Keinan, who moved to LA from Haifa 16 years ago, said, "I feel the same way. Israel is my home. It can happen to you anywhere and I don't think there's too much you can do about peo-

ple who want to commit suicide." Reuma Weizman, the president's wife, said that over and over again, when visiting terror victims who are tourists, they told her they'll come back to Israel.

"Sometimes we derive a lot of strength from them," Weizman

"We won't get up and leave because of this," Esther Kroizer, 20, of Jerusalem said from her bed at Shaare Zedek. "I won't stop going into the city.

Everyone who lives in this city wonders, 'When is it my turn?' she added.

Kroizer had been having lunch with her adopted grandfather at Cafe Atara when the bombs went off. She dived under the table when she heard the first explosion, staying there as she heard the second bomb go off. Then the two of them got up and walked outside, right into the third explo-

She said that she expects to be out of the hospital in a day or two, and that her grandfather already had been treated and dis-



Prime Minister Netanyahu visits with Abe Mendelson yesterday at Shaare Zedek Hospital.

PM calls parents of US victim

Ben-Yehuda

BOMBING

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu visited the wounded at Shaare Zedek Hospital, including Abe Mendelson, 18, a yeshiva student from Los Angeles. Netanyahu took an aide's cellular phone, dialed Mendelson's parents in Los Angeles, and handed it

over to him to speak. He then took the phone and calmed Mendelson's parents. "He's a little shaken, but he's going to be all right," Netanyahu told the father. "He's in good hands and

we're going to take care of him. Regards to the entire

Mendelson was sitting with friends at a coffee shop when the first bomb went off. "We had just gotten our drinks and were going to raise them in a l'chaim when we heard a huge boom. My friends screamed and then there were two more explosions.

"I got up and on the ground I saw a leg without a body. Someone called me to sit down in a nearby store, and then I was taken to the hospital. My arms and legs are burned and I have a hole in my leg where a screw hit, but the doctor assured me I would be all

On the doorstep of hell

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

"We were on the doorstep of hell." said Yoram Kaufman, one of the people wounded in yesterday's anack.

Kaufman, 44, a hi-tech researcher from Tel Aviv. his wife Ora, 39, a paralegal currently on maternity leave, and their six-month-old daughter, Tantar, were sitting outside Cafe Atara when they heard what sounded like a distant explosion.

"We didn't know what it was," Kaufman told reporters at Bikur Holim Hospital. "When we first heard the explosion, we thought it was a building or a plane."

The family periodically visits Jerusalem, where Yoram was born and raised. We came away from the heat of Tel Aviv and got the heat of the bomb," said Kaufman who was in much better condition than either his wife or child.

Ora, who managed to breast-feed her frightened and crying baby after the explosion, has second-degree burns on her face, hands and legs. She instinctively enveloped herself around Tamar as she was knocked to the ground by the explosion, but was not able to protect her entirely. Tamar also suffered burns on her head, hand, back and ankle.

Yoram repeatedly asked hospital officials to put Ora and Tamar in the same room, but met with polite refusals. However, the nurse who is caring for Tamar in the children's ward made it her business to visit Ora and to assure her that she was in stable condition and in good

Yoram had nightmares of his own. He could not shake the image of mangled and dismembered bodies. We were covered with blood and flesh" he said repeatedly.

Journalists should try to remain objective when reporting, but in the case of the Kaufmans, who are personal friends, it was difficult.

We had arranged to meet for coffee in Rehov Ben-Yehuda, but hadn't set a time. Something was wrong with Yoram's cellular phone, and I couldn't get through to him. Panic set in when I heard about the bombing. The Atara is his favorite haunt, and had I found him earlier in the day, I would have been with him and Ora when the bombs went

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Magen David praised for work

By JUDY SIEGEL

Magen David Adom functioned "superbly" in treating and evacuating victims of yester-day's bomb blasts in Jerusalem's Ben-Yehuda mall, Health Ministry Director-General Gabi Barabash said.

He said that its work showed a dramatic improvement over the handling of victims of the July 30 Mahaneh Yehuda attack.

A 13-page ministry report, whose complete contents have not been released, has criticized the emergency service's handling of treatment and evacuation of bomb victims in the mar-The report was compiled over

the past month by a three-member committee headed by Dr. Michael Weiner, former chief IDF medical officer. It blamed outdated and overburdened communications for causing apparent delays in rescue crews reaching the scene of the bomb-It said that coordination prob-

lems began when two duty operators at MDA Jerusalem headquarters received misleading reports on the extent of the blasts. One report estimated there

were only three wounded at the site. The dispatcher responded by sending out only two mobile intensive care units and two regular ambulances.

The committee also found that the Jerusalem MDA director was on vacation at the time, and that the two duty operators didn't coordinate, with each issuing all these things in the past," the conflicting instructions to ambulance drivers.

its communications problems stemmed from a temporary collapse of the Ierusalem telephone mittees."

Many staffers and volunteers, equipped with old-fashioned beepers that did not print out messages, rushed to the site or to the MDA station only after hearing the news on the radio and not because they were called

The MDA also failed to communicate adequately with city

As a result, not enough roads were cleared for ambulances to get through, the report said. In general, the Weiner

Committee said, none of the government agencies provided adequate supervision over emergency readiness. The committee recommended

improving the MDA's efficiency by separating its emergency paramedic service from its ambulance service. The MDA works committee

responded that the Weiner report "proved that what we have been saying for years - that the organization has suffered due to drastically reduced budgets that harmed its ability to function." "We demand that the govern-

ment recognize MDA as a national state service, with all the budgetary and legal implica-tions," it added.

A painful recovery program reduced the number of MDA centers and replaced some with mere ambulance stations, reduced the number of staffers and left ambulance drivers without medics at night.

"We hate to say 'we told you so,' but we have warned about union said.

"Now is the time to examine

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Politicians trade blame over attack

The Right yesterday pronounced the Oslo process dead and buried following the Jerusalem bomb blasts, while on the Left, dire warnings were issued to the government not to allow the process to expire.

Most moderate among opposition voices was Labor head Ehud Barak, who said he "does not

advise this government to draw immediate hasty conclusions from this attack regarding the future of the peace process. Netanyahu must remember that for the past year and a half he is the signatory to the Oslo agreements."

As Barak sees it, "the solution is to allow the security forces to choose what to do. In the long run the only lasting solution will be a diplomatic agreement which will

Israeli and the Palestinian peoples." Labor MK Haim Ramon reminded Netanyahu that "he promised his voters a secure peace and guess what they have no peace and no security," Another Labor MK, Uzi Baram complained that prolonged closure "is not only ineffective but also dan-

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gerously counterproductive."

World expresses outrage

Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak condemned yesterday's bombing. He was quoted by state television as saying: "We condemn such operations which target civilian lives and spill the blood of innocent people. They only complicate the critical situation and block the peace process."

He appealed to Israel to stick to the terms of its land-for-peace deal with the Palestinians.

"I underline anew that the best way to confront acts of violence is to go ahead with the peace process, and that all parties stick to signed agreements," he said. "Resorting to collective punishment la reference to the renewed closure) will increase the inflammation and complication of the situation."

Jordan said it opposed violence perpetrated by any party with the intention of wrecking the Middle East peace process.

In a strongly worded statement, British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said the "cold-blooded murder of innocent civilians in a crowded shopping center is beneath contempt."

He said the atrocity "makes it all the more important for the Israelis and Palestinians to return to full dialogue and to cooperate in the fight against terrorism so that peace is restored on the streets.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, visiting Iceland, said in a statement that it is time for Israelis and Palestinians to "sit together and to take stock of the situation on the ground and in their negotiations, process."

to decide what can be done to prevent violence, address its causes and do everything possible to restart the peace talks."

The Security Council reaction came through council President Bill Richardson of the United States, who said he had been asked by members "to express their sadness and outrage over the bombing in Jerusalem a few hours ago.

"Although information remains preliminary, members of the Security Council agree that such acts only

undermine the prospects for peace."

South Africa appealed for restraint and renewed commitment by Middle East leaders to Israel's peace process. Israeli Ambassador to South Africa Uri Oren appealed to President Nelson Mandela's government to urge Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat to act against terrorist groups in his ter-

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel sent a telegram to Foreign Minister David Levy.

I ask you urgently to work against the dreadful calculation of the attackers and to continue with efforts for understanding and peace in the region against this adversity," he wrote.

Luxembourg, which holds the rotating presidency of the European Union, said in a statement that "the EU presidency urges Israel and the Palestinian Authority to combat terrorism, reestablish some mutual trust, and work together to continue the peace (Douglas Davis and news agencies)

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Weizman: Arafat must control Hamas

By BATSHEVA TSUR and Him

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat must be forced to take control of Hamas, President Ezer Weizman yesterday told his Egyptian counterpart, Hosni Mubarak.

Mubarak telephoned Weizman on his cellular phone as he was visiting the wounded at Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem. Weizman asked him to use his influence on Arafat, stressing that the entire peace process is at stake. A grim Weizman told reporters

before entering the hospital: "There is no doubt that Israel's trust in the Palestinian Authority is undergoing a grave crisis." He said it is impossible to live under a constant threat of terrorist bombings, adding: "I am not happy to say this, because I'm still a believer in the process.

"Arafat has to be in control of Hamas and I hope that other sides taking part in the peace process, such as Mubarak and King Hussein, will use their influence on him. We cannot tolerate the current situation," Weizman said.

However, he continued, "I do not believe we should freeze the process. I hope that US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will come to the area, because this would be a wise step towards pushing forward the process. But it has to be made clear to Arafat that he has to abide by his commitments," Weizman said.

Accompanied by his wife, Reuma, Weizman visited all four Jerusalem hospitals where the wounded had been taken.

News of the bombings reached Prime

Binyamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai at the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv, where they were discussing the implications of proposed cuts in the defense budgets. They immediately cut short their meeting and left for Jerusalem. Heidi J. Gleit adds:

"This is a real crisis. It can't go on like this," Weizman said at Shaare Zedek Hospital, where he and his wife, Reuma, were visiting the wounded. "Arafat will have to come to a decision or we'll have a problem. He'll have a problem."

19 previous suicide bombings since 1993

April 16, 1993 – One person is January 22, 1995 – At the Beit killed and nine are wounded by a Lid intersection near Netanya, 22 suicide car bomber outside a roadside cafeteria near Mehola.

October 4, 1993 - Thirty soldiers are wounded when a suicide bomber blows up his car next to a carrying soldiers from Shilo. The attack occurred opposite the Beit El headquarters of the civil administration.

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April 6, 1994 - In Afula, eight people are killed and 50 wounded in a suicide car-bombing by a bus stop, carried out by Hamas.

April 13, 1994 - in Hadera, five people are killed and 30 wounded in a suicide bus explosion. Hamas

claims responsibility.
October 19, 1994 - On Tel Aviv's Rehov Dizengoff, 22 people are killed and 42 wounded when a Hamas suicide bomber sets off an explosion on a Dan bus. November 11, 1994 - At an army checkpoint near Netzarim. three Israeli soldiers are killed and 11 wounded when a Hamas sui-

cide bomber blows himself up. December 25, 1994 – A Gazan who deserted from the Palestinian Police blows himself up near Binyenei Ha'uma in Jerusalem, wounding 12 people. Hamas claimed responsibility.

January 22, 1995 - At the Beit people are killed and 60 wounded after two suicide bombers from the Islamic Jihad detonate explosions.

April 9, 1995 - An Egged bus traveling near Kfar Darom is blown up when an Islamic Jihad mber rams it with his explosive-laden van. Seven soldiers and an American student are killed. The same day, near Netzarim, a Hamas suicide bomber dies in an attack on an Israeli convoy. About 50 people

are injured in both attacks. July 24, 1995 - Outside the Tel Aviv Diamond Exchange, six are killed and 32 wounded when a Hamas suicide bomber blows up a Dan bus.

August 21, 1995 - In the Ramot neighborhood Jerusalem, four are killed and over 100 wounded when a Hamas suicide bomber detonates a bomb on

November 2, 1995 - In Gaza, the Islamic Jihad takes responsibility for two suicide bombs detonated a minute apart near two buses. Eleven Israelis are lightly wounded in the first attack, none in the second. The attacks were believed to be in retaliation for the October 26 assassination of Islamic Jihad leader Fathi Shkaki

February 25, 1996 - In Jerusalem, 26 people are killed when a No. 18 bus is blown up near the Central Bus Station. Forty-eight others are wounded. Hamas claims responsibility.

The same day near Ashkelo Hamas suicide bomb explodes, killing one and injuring 31 others.
The attacks were said to be in retaliation for the January 5, 1996 slaying in Gaza of Hamas bombing mastermind Yihye Ayyash

"The Engineer").

March 3, 1996 – In Jerusalem, another Hamas suicide bomber blows up another No. 18 bus, again on Jaffa Road, killing 19 and wounding nine.

March 4, 1996 - On the eve of Purim, at Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Center, 13 are killed and 130 wounded by a Hamas suicide bomber.

March 21, 1997 - At Cafe

Apropo in Tel Aviv, three are killed and 47 wounded in an explosion by a Hamas suicide bomber.

July 30, 1997 - A double suicide bombing kills 15 and wounds 176 in Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda market. To date, the two bombers have not been identified, nor has their affiliation, if any, been established. (Compiled by Fern Allen)

'Iran, Syria implicated in attack'

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON - The terror attack has added credence to a report in the London-based weekly newsletter Foreign Report, which yesterday implicated Iran and Syria, along with their proxies, Hizbullah and the Damascusbased Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General

Published just hours before the bombings, the newsletter reported that four "martyrs" were recruited in the Ein al-Hilweh refugee camp in south Lebanon.

They were flown to Iran and trained for four months near the town of Mashad. They then travelled to the Syrian-dominated Bekaa Valley and, from there, they

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were taken to an unnamed island near Istanbul. They eventually stepped ashore at Haifa carrying Turkish passports. According to the report, their

arrival in Israel was facilitated by an unnamed Hebrew-speaking PFLC-GC commander who was carrying an Israeli ID card. "They all went to Jerusalem.

where two of the 'martyrs' blew themselves up in a Jerusalem market on July 30," noted Foreign Report. "The other two, says our source, are waiting their turn." The newsletter reported that a

top-ranking Iranian minister had summoned his senior aides to a meeting earlier this year and asked them to perpetrate a "spectacular operation" in Israel.

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The first was aborted when a Hizbullah activist, carrying a British passport, arrived in Israel from Switzerland and blew himself

up in his Jerusalem hotel room. The Mahaneh Yehuda bombing, according to the newsletter, was part of the second operation.

It said the attack was instigated by the same Iranian minister, who requested an attack by "a former leader of Hizbullah who still maintains a following" and the PFLP-GC, which, according to Israeli sources, is entirely at the 1175 disposal of Syrian intelligence.

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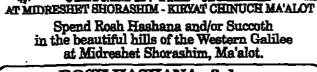
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Arafat's moment of truth

Rehov Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall yesterday also ripped through the polite academic debate over whether Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat is doing enough to crack down on terrorism. It is deadly obvious that Arafat is not doing everything he can to fight terror, it is hard to imagine even Palestinian leaders saying otherwise with a straight face.

Arafat's crackdown on terrorism was to be a prerequisite for US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's trip to the region. On Tuesday, the State Department feebly claimed that "sufficient progress" had been made for her trip to go forward, while making clear that the US was not satisfied.

Despite yesterday's triple suicide bombing, Albright has wisely decided to travel as scheduled, because to cancel would be seen as giving in to terror. President Bill Clinton was also right to emphasize that the focus of her trip would be security cooperation. In a hastily convened press conference he told reporters: "It is clear that the perpetrators of this attack intended to kill both innocent people and the peace process itself. They must not be allowed to succeed. Everything possible must be done to stop them. The peace process can only move forward in a secure environment."

In essence, Albright's mission will now necessarily become to achieve what the US had expected to see happen immediately after the Mahaneh Yehuda bombing: a sea change in Arafat's live-and-let-die approach to terrorism.

Until now, Arafat has tried to convince the US and Israel that the most effective anti-terrorism measure is the bear hug: Bring the rejectionists into the fold, and they will behave. The height of this approach was the recent "unity conference" and Arafat's infamous kissing of Hamas and Islamic Jihad leaders.

After yesterday's bombing, this approach has lost what little credibility it might have had. In recognition of this, chances are that between now and Albright's arrival, Arafat will finally take some visible steps against the terrorist groups.

The issue, however, has gone beyond whether Arafat will cooperate with Israel in after-thefact responses to specific attacks. The issue is whether the bear hug will be abandoned. Or, as the Netanyahu government is putting it, now and peace with Israel.

Arafat has been avoiding this choice like the plague for three reasons: He does not want to Oslo without also paying its price.

The bombs that ripped through Jerusalem's fight Palestinians, he does not want to free Israel from the threat of terrorism, and he does not want to be perceived as Israel's security subcontractor.

Of course, it is Arafat's fault that fighting terrorism should be equated with taking orders from Israel. If Arafat were abiding by Oslo, he would be cooperating with Israel against terrorism as a matter of course - and of the Palestinian national interest. It is by refusing to enter such an ongoing, normalized relationship that Israel is left to hand over names of terrorist suspects to be arrested.

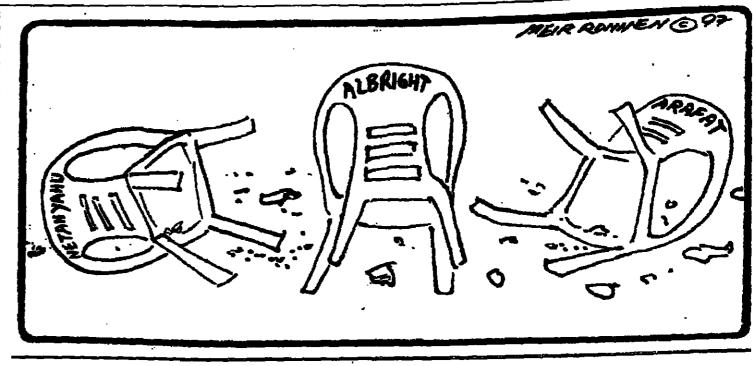
It is not just on matters of atmosphere and procedure that Oslo is breaking down. Though the Oslo Accords are only interim agreements, they are based on the same formula that has guided the resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict since the 1967 war: territory for peace. Oslo was structured to require Israel to hand over most of the territory, which includes almost the entire Palestinian population, before final-status talks even begin. In exchange, Arafat committed himself to ending terror.

Today it is clearer than ever that Arafat sees terrorism as necessary to ensure that Israel keep its side of the bargain. The problem with this approach is that, just as Arafat is unwilling, as he puts it, to be Israel's equivalent of the SLA in the West Bank, Israel is unwilling to continue delivering on an agreement that is being routinely violated.

Albright's message to Arafat should be a simple one: We agree with you that some of Israel's actions are not in the spirit of Oslo - but you are, Samson-like, destroying the pillars of Oslo, and threatening the collapse of the whole agree-

Terrorism, Albright should continue, will not only fail to induce Israel to make further concessions; if Israel is, in fact, trying to step off the Oslo track, Palestinian terrorism provides the only way out. On the other hand, if the Palestinians abide by all their commitments including security cooperation, amending the PLO covenant, and extraditing terrorists - the pressure on Israel to interpret Oslo generously would be enormous.

The irony of Arafat's attempt to keep the pressure on Israel through the threat of terrorism, is that terrorism is the only thing that can prevent Israel from keeping the Oslo agreement. Arafat will choose between peace with Hamas Albright's task is to convince Arafat that the moment of truth has arrived: The fate of Oslo is in his hands, but he cannot have the fruits of



Conflict management

espite the sage pronounce-ments declaring the death of the Middle East "peace process," whatever this may be or may have been, most of what has been said and written is far off parget. The dialogue that began with the 1991 Madrid Conference and continued with the meetings in Norway and through the visits of Dennis Ross is changing, not end-

In the face of continued terrorism and support for violence from the Palestinian leadership, it is unrealistic to expect a permanent settlement to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in a few years. Instead, there is a growing shift in emphasis from conflict resolution to conflict management.

It is clear that while the tensions will not disappear in the short term, they can be managed and contained, with rules of the game and recognized limits. Then, perhaps in the next generation, the search for a settlement, contractual or tacit, can resume on a firmer foundation_

The unrealistic expectations stem from the 1993 Declaration of Principles (the Oslo agreement), in which Israel and the Palestinians pledged to reach an agreed "permanent settlement" by 1999. This was a noble objective indeed, and a successful conclusion was always against the odds. The architects, including the Norwegian sponsors, and the Israelis who navigated through the process - Shimon Peres, Yossi Beilin, and perhaps even the usually skeptical Yitzhak Rabin - aimed at nothing less than the end to generations of hatred, warfare, and terrorism in a period of six years.

The series of agreements that ceremonies and eloquent speeches, created expectations both in respects, conflict management sible. This was a mistake, because Studies, Ear-Ilan University.

In ten days' time, after the

announcement by the Central Bureau of Statistics of the pre-

vious month's rise in the cost-of-

living index, the public will be

treated to the ritual debate over the

level of interest rates that the gov-

emor of the Bank of Israel will set

in his seemingly endless battle to

It is a Greek tragedy - the end is already known. The governor's

response to an increase in the rate

of inflation will be to raise the

interest rate. That may bring about

a slight decrease in inflation in the

following two or three months,

but will, inevitably, be followed

by the strengthening of the shekel

that raising interest rates induces.

The economy, so heavily depen-

dent on imports, then responds by

an increase in prices, and we're

back to where we started - except

that exports, the lifeblood of the

economy, have received another

setback. Plus ca change, plus ca

The annual rate of inflation has

remained stuck at about 10 per-

beroic efforts of the central bank

governor notwithstanding. All of

the industrial countries of the

world have brought their rate of

inflation down to 2% to 3%, Israel

The government has brought the

budget deficit under control, and

even though unemployment is on

the rise, the 10% inflation rate

remaining the lone exception.

la meme chose.

slay the dragon of inflation.

GERALD M. STEINBERG

Israel and among the Palestinians that proved very unrealistic. Palestinians expected to get an independent state, encompassing up to 90 percent of the West Bank, share of sovereignty in Jerusalem, and agreement for absorption of millions of refugees. Israelis expected a complete end to terrorism, hatred, and threats of violence, including the

requires small steps rather than grand gestures, with proportionately lesser results. Instead of seeking a contractual permanent settlement agreement, the political leaders need to focus on reducing day-to-day friction, insuring security, and lowering expectations.

This does not mean preservation of the status quo. On the contrary.

It was unrealistic to expect that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict could be solved in a few years

elimination of the foundations for terrorist groups. These were and remain reasonable long-term goals, but the Palestinians, in particular, were not ready to implement the measures necessary to provide Israel with security.

In the absence of a major change in Palestinian policies and attitudes (and there is no reason to expect this - indeed, the evidence points in the opposite direction), the goals of this process are shifting. Permanent status agreements are out, and conflict management is in.

For the past 18 months, since the suicide bombings, the major activity has involved de-escalation of tensions and crises. In the past year, the Western Wall Tunnel incident, Hebron, the bombing in the Tel Aviv cafe, Har Homa, the Mahaneh Yehuda blast and most recently, yesterday's bombing in the center of Jerusalem, all have led to conflict management.

the withdrawal of the Israeli military presence near Palestinian population centers should continue, but only as the Palestinian authorities demonstrate that they can consistently prevent terror, violence, and confrontation. Economic and other forms of functional cooperation (health, environment, transportation, etc.) should be encouraged, thereby creating a basis for the eventual end to the hatred and violence that

fuels this conflict. The US government has a major

role to play in this process. Although the Clinton administration and the State Department were not responsible for the Oslo agreement, they adopted it, and have pressed (mainly Israel) for the implementation of each step. From the beginning, many pro-

fessional diplomats recognized that the attempt to negotiate a permanent agreement was unrealistic, and would be counterproducuve, but they remained stient and Middle East arms control at the THE problem is that in many continued to act as if this was pos- Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic

ALTHOUGH they have managed

to keep inflation under control,

it allowed the mutually contradicexpectations Palestinians and Israelis to grow.

Now, instead of trying to put the Oslo process back on track, Madeline Albright and Dennis Ross should acknowledge, loud and clear with no room for misunderstanding, that the pledges made in the Osio process cannot be implemented. Instead, they can devote their considerable resources and energy to devising a package of measures to manage the conflict and prevent crises before they reach the boiling

point. Direct involvement of US security officials in creating and implementing specific procedures regarding the exchange of information regarding terrorists is of central importance. The US can also become more involved in developing the Palestinian economy, so that workers will not be dependent on jobs and income generated in Israel.

The Arab states, including Egypt and Jordan, must also be convinced that this is the best than can be accomplished under the circumstances, and efforts to force Israel to make concessions that are inconsistent with its security will be counterproductive.

Finally, beyond the immediate need for a change in emphasis, there is an important lesson for all would-be international peace makers, from Bosnia to Cyprus. High-sounding and well-intentioned agreements may give the mediators a sense of accomplishment, but if they cannot implement the details, the process falls apart, with negative results for all.

The writer directs the project on

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An economy in chains

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

EVEN HANDED

Sir. - With the JP Friday issue, I scan through the headlines and turn eagerly to Moshe Kohn's weekly column.

I enjoy and am always so impressed by his erudite, lucid, and evenhanded presentation of issues that are timely and of interest to all of us.

Never does he display any bias or intolerance true to his sincerity and humility. Mr. Kohn's approach to our daily dileramas reflects his wisdom, sagaciously realistic analysis toward better understanding and solutions.

Were his column placed on the front page of The Jerusalem Post it certainly would effectively counterbalance the ever- present disquieting news of the day.

Sir, - Prof. Itamar Rabinovich,

in his article of Aug 29, regrets the

lack of diplomatic contacts

between Syria and Israel. Has it

not occurred to Prof. Rabinovich

that the reason for that state is the

previous Left-wing government,

that gave the game away to

President Assad so as to preclude

By offering to withdraw from all

the Golan to the line of June 4,

1967. Israel was left with no nego-

meaningful negotiations.

Jerusalem.

WALTER ALSTER

of their driving license. Imprisonment for a few days or a week will go a long way to curb their urge to drive carelessly.

driving.

CARL LAMPNER Jerusalem.

slip back to their habitual ways of

To stop them from driving reck-

lessly, they must be penalized where it hurts them personally: An

extremely high fine such as NIS

2000-3000 and a long suspension

CURB THEIR URGE

INCREASING VIOLENCE

Sir, - The government has post-Sir. - A kindergarten for Jewish ed signs in the cities imploring motorists to drive carefully and not to kill. The drivers who are reckless or impatient are emotionally incapable of being influenced by signs. Even if they suffer the extreme shock of injuring or killing someone, they will certainly drive more carefully but only for awhile, perhaps a few months. But they will inevitably

The rage, outcry, indignation and

I sincerely hope that the New Year will bring to our land tolerance, understanding, sensitivity, respect for each other and peace among ourselves and our neighbors.

HONEY STOLLMAN

Jerusalem.

FOOLISH BARGAIN

has the Golan and Labor has their caps in their hands asking Assad to be nice and give Israel his promises with respect to the depth of demilitarization and the degree of normalization, promises that can be broken while ceded land cannot be returned but by a war.

accede to such an unbalanced, asymmetrical and simply foolish bargain. Of course those in Labor tell us that such an offer was not made to Assad. tiating leverage with Assad. Syria Syria did not receive the offer out of Jerusalem.

toddlers was vandalized. If this had occurred anywhere in today's world, it would have been met with anger, outrage, call to action, indignation and a cry of antisemitism. Well it didn't happen just anywhere; it happened here, in Israel, and the instigators were not "goyim" but Jews.

call to action from the government, from each and every citizen should rip through the silence till the perpetrators are punished and steps taken to put an end to the ever increasing violence against those who wish to practice Judaism in a non-Orthodox fashion.

cent for many years now, the

The present government would not

thin air, it was conveyed to them by secretary of state Christopher, who was given it by Rabin and Peres. Labor leaders had a proclivity for not using direct mail; they directed mail to Arafat via Norway and to Assad via Washington.

Besides Mr. Peres and Mr. Sarid, how many men in the previous coalition echoed their leaders' assertion that "Golan is Syrian territory."

ARTHUR GRUDER

keeps sailing on. It is like a low fever in a patient, indicating that

MOSHE ARENS

there is something basically wrong with our economic system. A sickness that cannot be cured by periodic increases in the interest

There is no need for learned economists to put our finger on the cause.

The prescription for economic

they are paying a price in minimal growth, as well as high unemployment in the case of France and Germany. It is generally recognized that it is the rigidities in the

growth without inflation is known and has been applied in recent

economies of these countries, and especially of their labor markets, that keep them from advancing at

The prescription for economic growth without inflation can be summarized in three words: liberalization, deregulation, and privatization

years, to a larger or lesser degree, in all of the industrialized nations. It can be summarized in three words: liberalization, deregulation, and privatization.

The country that has pioneered this policy, the US, also has the healthiest economy - 2%-3% inflation, good growth, and minimal unemployment. Close behind is Britain, which under Margaret Thatcher's leadership went from stagnation, unemployment, and inflation to healthy growth through the application of this very same policy. Lagging behind are Japan, France, and Germany, countries that have been considerably more hesitant in applying this remedy.

the same pace as the US and the

But the rigidities of their economies are mild compared to those of the Israeli economy. Much of the economy is still "indexed" to the rate of inflation, making it difficult to reduce inflation. The public sector is linked and cross-linked, thus turning any increase in salary to a particular sector into a wave that eventually encompasses everybody.

It is only in the past few years that successive governments have begun to chip away at the "Bolshevik" economy erected by the Labor Party in the days when it waved the socialist banner Slowly, too slowly, the process of privatization and liberalization has begun.

But most of the large enterprises are still in the hands of the govemment; government controls are everywhere; and monopolies pervade the economy. The Histadrut, or is it the "new" Histadrut, has decided that it wants to keep it this way. Its slogan is no privatization and no competition.

The government and the public are threatened with massive strikes if the government does not abandon its plans to modernize our economy and make it more efficient. That a more efficient economy is in the interest of the working population is not recognized by this dinosaur, which still believes in the "class struggle." The Histadrut doesn't seem to understand that inflation hurts the weak-

est segments of the population. The weekly Economist, writing on the occasion of India's 50th year of independence, stated that India is an economic failure as a result of its government's policies of centralized planning and government control. Israel, a country so rich in human resources, has also failed to achieve its full economic potential for the very same reason.

Correcting the errors of past years and unshackling the chains that bind our economy is the challenge facing us as we approach our 50th anniversary.

The writer is a former defense

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On September 5, 1937. The Palestine Post reported the following outrages: Éliezer Gerstein was shot and badly wounded while returning from prayers at the Western Wall. A wealthy Arab notable was shot by on Arab, and a British constable was killed while passing through the Street of the Prophets in Jerusalem. There were other shooting accidents throughout the country and a Jewish lorry was sioned at Ramle.

50 years ago: On September 5, 1947, The Palestine Post reported that Dr. Chaim Weizmann would lead the Jewish Agency's delegation to the UN General Assembly deliberations on Palestine.

Seven Arab rebels, sentenced to life imprisonment for their part in the 1936 disturbances, were pardoned and released by the government. For the third day troops and police

carried out a systematic house-to-

house search in Jerusalem. Some

damage was reported.

25 years ago: On September 5, 1972, The Jerusalem Post reported a fifth attack from Syria when an Israeli tank hit a mine in the Golan. A search of the area revealed large quantities of sabotage equipment, brought over into the Golan by terrorist from

An unsuccessful assassination attempt was made on Gaza Mayor Haj Rashad Shawa by

Alexander Zvielli

POSTSCRIPTS

THE CANADIAN black bear, 400,000 strong in the north woods, is hardly one of the world's most endangered species. But its most famous byproduct might be in for the

fight of its life. The distinctive bearskin headgear worn by royal household regiments at Buckingham Palace might soon give way to artificial

This assault on tradition comes not from some militant fringe, but by order of the new minister of defense procurement, Lord Gilbert, a noted animal-welfare advocate and conservationist. Gilbert recently told the military

to investigate synthetic alternatives for the sleek, black, towering headdress that is among Britain's

most identifiable symbols. About 150 pelts are needed each year for new headgear, a small fraction of roughly 25,000 Canadian black bears legally killed annually.

The hats stand 18 to 20 inches tall, weigh several pounds, according to the Defense Ministry, and cost \$600 to \$700 each. The bear fur is dyed to a uniformly black color and then stretched over a case or wicker frame.

Most last 20 to 30 years, some longer. Some officers are walking around wearing their grandfathers

bearskins.

The military has already experimented with artificial bear fur and found it wanting. Nothing tried to date has been able to stand up to London's damp and rainy weather.

"They don't look the part," a Defense Ministry spokesman said. "It bunches together, and there are problems with static electricity." Or as one TV anchorwoman put it, rather like a bad hair day.

TO THE long list of hazards associated with smoking, add one more: exploding cigarettes. In the space of one week, four Northern Virginia residents lit up

Marlboro cigarettes only to trigger small but loud blasts that left them either blackened with powder burns or temporarily blinded by a flash of light.

Police are investigating the explosions for possible criminal product-tampering.

The smokers said they found a

hard, strawlike object in the cigarettes, which were sent to labs for One of the affected smokers

contacted the manufacturer, Philip Morris, which offered her a replacement product. She declined. "They better not send me no more Marlboros," she

W;

A visit doomed to fail

YOSSI SARID

ا ماويا الاقطاليان

would have written the following words as "an open letter to Madeleine Albright," if I weren't afraid of sounding a little pathetic and old fashioned. So not a letter - just some sincere words for the secretary of state to consider, as she prepares to depart for our region next week.

It is quite clear that Albright is travelling to the Middle East as one driven by some diabolic compulsion. It is over eight months since she was appointed to her job. She has already visited almost every corner on earth but she has kept away from this region, as if she were afraid of contracting some contagious disease.

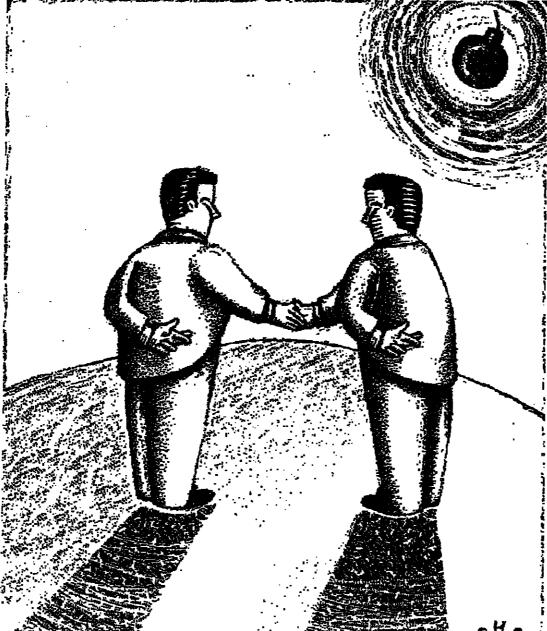
She apparently had the example of Warren Christopher, her prede-cessor, before her eyes. How the poor man trudged from Jerusalem to Gaza to Damascus and back to Jerusalem, how he degraded himself by standing like a pauper in the doorway, as if the US is not the world's only superpower but the island of Micronesia. I watched Christopher closely during his voyages to our region, and while I have no doubt that he is a very honest, well-intentioned man, he was the wrong man, in the wrong time and place - a "good guy" in the worst sense of the word.

Christopher should have understood, that in the Middle East no one believes in good will and sincerity. Here only force is understood.

Perhaps Albright should continue to stay away. She has almost nothing to gain from her visit here, but a lot to lose - and she knows it well. But the whole world is asking why her ship has taken so long to dock, and had she waited any longer she might have been accused of bad faith. This is something the administration could not allow to happen.

But her visit is destined to fail, because she will be meeting with leaders who do not wish to deliver, and who are unable to deliver. We are dealing here with weak leaders. who are not leading their respective political camps, but are following them. Even the slightest tempest pushes them away from the skipper's deck to the ship's stem, and

the ship seems about to sink. There is another reason for the



expected failure. There is no way to siderrack the beavy issues. The secretary of state is getting all sorts of advice on how to overcome the obstacles: "Lebanon first" with Syria; a "permanent settlement" with the Palestinians rather then an "interim agreement." Even Henry Kissinger has some advice for Albright before

insurmountable

Madeleine Albright must realize that leaders in the Middle East do not keep their word

dures does not change the essence.

But the main reason the visit is bound to fail has to do with the nature of the local leaders and how they conduct themselves. We are talking of individuals who are not trustworthy and whose word can never be taken at face value. For a word is not a word and a commitment is not a commitment. resolved, they very rapidly return to

It is precisely because Albright haunt us, and that changing procehas a broad back, the back of a

failing us. An unsuccessful visit could turn out to be a very dangerous visit, for the disillusionment that it will leave behind could trigger a further outburst of violence and bloodshed. It would therefore be much better if the Albright were to

superpower, that she is likely to

discover that, behind her back, explicit undertakings which were given to her are being systemati-

IF ALBRIGHT has a mind to save

herself - and us who live in this

deadly area - she absolutely must

arrive here not only with a care-

fully worked out plan, but also

with a determination to impose

this plan. Without such determina-

tion she will be wasting her time

and energy, as well as the reputa-

tion of the US, and she will be

avoid her mission altogether,

cally broken.

rather than to risk total failure. As the State Department spokesman emphasized this week, Albright is no magician. But she is the representative of the one and only world power, and none of the region's leaders would dare openly clash with her. If only Albright would understand who she is dealing with, she would not agree to leave the Middle East without Binyamin Netanyahu completely freezing all the settlements and stating exactly how much territory Israel will be relinquishing in the approaching second withdrawal, and without Yasser Arafat starting to deal with the terror as terror, not as if it were the weather, about

which all one can do is talk. Netanyahu must agree to negotiations about an overall withdrawal from the Golan Heights, just as Hafez Assad must agree to appropriate security and water arrangements and full normalization with Israel.

And one would have to say to Madeleine Albright, if one were to write her an "open letter": What is most important is not to be afraid. Not to be afraid of these questionable leaders, for public opinion is certain to be on her side. We trust the wisdom and responsibility of the US, which is a loyal and devoted friend and has never failed us. Let us just hope that Netanyahu will not turn Albright into a subject of mockery, for his mocking could be the undoing of us all.

The writer is the leader of Meretz.

The message – not the medium

MARK A. HELLER

The soldiers who led the riot in Military Prison No. 6 agreed to end it on terms which IDF authorities have said they are not going to honor. The ringleaders in this revolt are not run-of-the-mill military prisoners, young soldiers who have gone astray and are spending some prison time for things like insubordination or going AWOL. Instead, they have been convicted of serious crimes, including manslaughter and rape, and they are therefore unlikely to elicit much sympathy for their charges of systemic abuse and mistreat-

But they have made a point about conditions in military prisons - and neither their character nor their methods should provide an excuse not to give this point the serious public scrutiny it demands. The same can be said of cabinet secretary Dan Naveh's performance this week on the current affairs program Popolitika.

Apart from some archeological remains, there is little evidence left in Israel of Roman imperial influence. One of the few exceptions is Popolitika, which substitutes words for swords and tridents, but otherwise encourages its gladiator panelists and guests to go after each other with no holds barred, for the entertainment of the studio and home audience.

Ordinarily, I avoid Popolitika like the plague, because it epito-mizes the worst of the culture of debate in this country, namely, the idea that the art of persuasion consists of yelling louder and longer than the next guy.

But in the course of trying to escape temporarily from reality, I caught a glimpse of Naveh and put my channel-surfer on hold. Naveh was defending Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu against the accusation that, by contributing to the freeze in the peace process and failing to establish a reputation for credibility with President Hosni Mubarak, he was somehow responsible for Azzam Azzam's conviction and sentencing by a Cairo court on charges of economic espionage. Naveh's defense was so loud and long, so strident, repetitive, and aggressive, that it practically begged to be dismissed.

HOWEVER unappealing his presentation may have been, it should not overshadow the absurdity of the accusation. It may be true that Netanyahu's policies have further inflamed Egyptian opinion by providing ammunition for the Islamists and Nasserists who always opposed any kind of normal peace with Israel, and the atmosphere is now even worse than it was last fall, when Azzam was first arrested.

But is there really that much difference in atmosphere since the elections that it sustains ridiculous theories about Israeli conspiracies to send messages in secret ink written in women's underwear, and the atmosphere before the elections that sustained ridiculous theories about Israeli conspiracies to spread AIDS or cause sterility or irrepressible sexual appetites by means of contaminated chewing gum.

It may also be true that Mubarak ignored Netanyahu's assurances that .Azzam had no connection with any intelligence-gathering operations because he doesn't believe anything the prime minister says. But Azzam's innocence has also been personally vouched for by President Ezer Weizman, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, and Labor Party leader Ehud Barak. Are all of

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and integrity that they, too, share responsibility for Azzam's fate? Azzam fell victim to a case which Egyptian security either concocted or botched but is too embarrassed to admit, and an Egyptian State Security Court whose judicial independence is problematic at best. And whether Azzam has any hope of presidential pardon now depends on the extent to which Mubarak is willing to face down the "opinionmakers" in Egypt and undermine the legitimacy of a court which has served him well in his domestic anti-terrorism campaign.

Prisoners doing hard time may not inspire much sympathy; Netanyahu may not be the most appropriate person to persuade Egypt of Azzam's innocence; and Naveh may not be the prime minister's most congenial defender, but the message should be more important than the medium. Those in both Egypt and Israel who are inclined to discount the message because of the medium would do well to bear in mind a Beduin proverb that says: The truth is the truth, even if it is told by a scoundrel."

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Truth with a capital T

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ome years ago, I asked the ead of a well-known yeshiva of for ba' alei teshuva (the newly observant) why the yeshiva insists on immersing new students in intense Talmud study immediately.

A student who dropped in off the street and stayed for a month or so, I pointed out, might have little more to show for his six hours of daily Talmud study than a page or so, on which every word would be laboriously translated from Aramaic to English, dealing with what happens when a bull gores a cow and a newborn calf is found dead by the cow's side. One page out of the more than 5,000 that comprise the Babylonian Talmud.

His reply was an eye-opener: We start with Talmud, he said, to teach the new student that you cannot say whatever you want. Without shaking the newcomer to yeshiva out of the prevailing belief that everything is a matter of opinion and all coin ons are equally valid, he realized, there is no possibility of proceeding to discuss the truth of the Torah, or any other form of truth with a capital T.

Studying Talmud is the antidote to a careless assumption that all opinions are equally valid. In talmudic learning some opinions are demonstrably false by virtue of

their failure to account for all the evidence. Though commentators to be the height of intellectual may reach different conclusions in the interpretation of a particular topic, each of those interpretations must be capable of accounting for all the relevant statements of the Tannaim and Amoraim throughout the entirety of the Talmud. Not for naught did the late Harvard medievalist Harry Wolfson com-

she hits the road. But she will learn

very quickly that if problems are not

of hypotheses in science. The yeshiva head correctly perceived how deeply engrained in the typical college student is a lazy cultural relativism. As Allan Bloom writes in his devastating critique of American higher education. The Closing of the American Mind, "There is one thing a professor can be absolutely certain of: Almost every student entering the university believes, or says he believes, that truth is relative. If this belief is put to the test, one can count on the students' reaction:

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According to a recent article in the Chronicle of Higher Education, between 10 percent and 20% of college students cannot even bring themselves to condemn the Nazis as morally wrong, as opposed to aesthetically distasteful. "Of course I dislike the Nazis," began a typical student response, but who is to say they

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are morally wrong."

Cultural relativism is assumed sophistication. It is just the opposite. In its wake follow intellectual sloth and the death of intellectual curiosity.

TODAY'S students have no motivation to examine the values upon which they live their lives, since they are convinced that both their values and any opposing ones are culturally determined. That is

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why, Bloom points out, one encounters today so few students infused with any longing to know all about another culture.

Relativism has convinced the modern student that those cultures contain no information that would help in his search for the good life, or indeed that there is any such thing. Rather than testing his assumptions from another vantage point, he allows inertia to guide him. So much for the unexamined

Civilizations have believed many things, the critic Joseph Wood Krutch once wrote, but none has ever believed that all values are relative and survived.

Our prevailing cultural trends, which elevate tolerance to the supreme, if not only, value thus fly in the face of the entire tradition of Western thought. That tradition was based on the assumption that there is a Good, and that it is our obligation and purpose in life to use all the resources at our command to identify that Good and to live in accord with its dictates.

Even when today's students speak the language of truth, their conception of truth is so attenuated as to be unrecognizable by the ancients. For them, Truth implies no obligations. "The Torah may be true," I have been told, "but I'm too young and have too much fun ahead of me to become a Torah observant Jew. Maybe in a few

The Alter of Novordhok once met an enlightened Jew (maskil) at an inn and engaged him in conversation. In the course of the conversation, the maskil's servant entered the room, and the maskil told him to bridle his horses. The Alter immediately halted the conversation, and refused to continue despite the maskil's protestation that he was enjoying it very much. "I do not discuss things for the

sake of intellectual amusement," the Alter explained, "but for the purpose of discovering the truth and acting upon it. For you, however, this is only an academic exercise. Otherwise you would have waited until we were done to see whether I would convince you to follow my path before ordering the horses prepared."

That same lack of intellectual honesty - the refusal to scrutinize the assumptions of one's life and to consider the possibility of reordering one's way of life remains the greatest barrier to the consideration of Torah by secular

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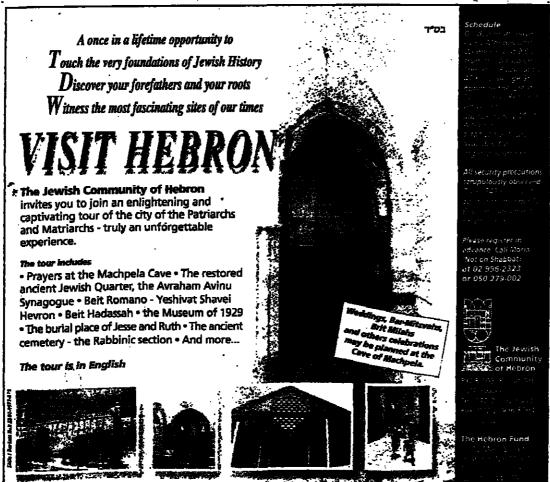
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Arafat must make a choice

Unless the PA tackles terrorists in its domain, talks with the Palestinians will not move ahead, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu tells Jay Bushinsky in a wide-ranging interview

ecretary of State Madeleine Iran's incessant effort to dissemi-Albright's most important contribution to the Middle East peace process, according to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, would be to convince the Palestinian Authority of the need for genuine and effective action against the terrorist infrastructure within its domain.

Without that, he said, it will be impossible to implement the further redeployments stipulated in the Oslo Accords and subsequent Hebron agreement

Netanyahu gave an exclusive interview to The Jerusalem Post on Wednesday, in anticipation of Albright's planned arrival here

"The immediate thing we're looking for is the Palestinians' fulfillment of the obligations," which, he notes, are specified in the Oslo text, "to fight terrorism and dismantle the terrorist infrastructure, commitments that have not been fulfilled so far," he said. "If the secretary's trip advances that [goal] it will be an important contribution to peace."

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The prime minister defined the PA's attitude toward the suppression of terrorism as a grave deviation from the Oslo spirit and

"In effect, the one structural flaw in Oslo is the failure of the Palestinian Authority and of [Chairman Yasser] Arafat to live up to the commitment he gave to prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, namely, 'You give us territory, we'll fight terrorism from that ter-

"That simply has not happened, The opposite has. We have had an explosive growth of terrorism in the four years of Oslo... Hamas and Islamic Jihad have built terrorist bases and enjoy terrorist safe our major cities.

half years [after Oslo] - a situation no government can endure. that peace cannot endure. Arafat cannot escape the choice he must make between peace with Hamas and peace with Israel."

Netanyahu spoke gravely about Iran's ballistic missile buildup, in which Russian experts are actively involved. He outlined the grim possible consequences if the Russian government does not stop the flow of its extensive technological know-how and the export of vital components to the Islamic republic.

"It could change the balance of power in the Middle East," Netanyahu said, "It could [negatively] affect the peace agreements" already existing in the Middle East and those yet to be reached. The premier stressed that all the powers interested in resolving existing conflicts, Russia as well as the US, must take effective action to prevent the regional balance of power from shifting in Iran's favor.

Netanyahu contended that the Iranians' ultimate objective - arming their missiles with biological. chemical and nuclear warheads would pose a threat to the entire world, at the same time enhancing nate its extremist ideology.

IN DISCUSSING the Palestinian track, he made no reference to the construction work at Jerusalem's Har Homa or the reported possibility that Albright may seek a three- to six-month pause in the controversial project. Nor did he seem ready to make any concessions on settlements in conjunction with further redeployment or proceeding to final-status talks.

"We have a clear position, which is that we fulfill agreements," he said. "The Oslo Accords are quite clear about our commitments and about the Palestinians.' They make no mention of settlements in fact, Rabin was very clear about the freedom that Israel maintains to build settlements, even new ones, something we are not doing.

"I think the important thing at first is to establish [the principle] that old commitments are kept before new ones are entertained.

"We fulfilled our side," Netanyahu insisted. "We've redeployed in Hebron and fulfilled other commitments; but the Palestinians have not."

Asked why his government had not approved any new settlements, the premier said: "We decided early on that any decision on a new settlement would require the full cabinet's approval, and we haven't brought any for approval so far."

But surely, he was asked, he could have gotten approval from his cabinet, had he asked for it?

"I think we have contented ourselves with allowing the growth of existing settlements. Netanyahu answered. "They're growing. I don't think they're growing quite at the pace at which they grew under the Labor government, and I havens five minutes away from don't say this with any particular pride. [Their population] expand-That has caused the death of ed by nearly 50 percent under

> "That didn't seem to be such a hindrance toward peace then, the way it is presented now."

Netanyahu defended his proposal to shelve the frustrating quest for interim agreements, which he described as potential sources of new friction and violence, in favor of final-status talks. He denied that the suggestion was a tactic designed to avoid further troop redeployments in the interim.

The only reason for postponing additional troop pullbacks, he said, would be the PA's failure to act against terrorists and terrorism.

The parties should "cut to a final agreement," Netanyahu said, contending that "the incremental process erodes confidence, with each side eyeing a final settlement." He contended that an immediate advance to final-status talks "would enable the parties to cut the Gordian knot" that breeds frustration and violence.-

The prime minister rejected Arafat's definition of the demand for the arrest of 150 people on Israel's "wanted" list as a "dictate," asking: "What good is it for us to make new concessions - give more pieces of land - which will simply be used as launching grounds for additional terrorist



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu: Arafat has to choose between 'peace with Hamas and peace with Israel.'

attacks against us?" Netanyahu went on to reject the

"What good is our giving more pieces of land which will be used as launching grounds for additional terrorist attacks against us?"

form of Palestinian self-determination. He cited security considerations as the main reason.

The prime minister argued that sovereignty would enable the Palestinians to forge military alliances with Iraq and Iran, challenge Israel's control over the air space west of the Jordan River and deploy weapons near Tel Aviv.

The 20th century shows that symbolism becomes reality," he said, contending that "there are other models for a final settle-

ment" besides statehood. Turning to the territorial aspect of the Palestinian-Israeli dispute, Netanyahu cited his "Allon-Plus" plan as a viable proposal, noting

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"defense-security zones," while at idea of statehood as a feasible the same time "balancing Israeli ng Palesimian needs In the end, he argued, "only we,"

- Israelis and Palestinians - could determine the prerequisites for coexistence in peace and security. Netanyahu dismissed media reports charging that he would prefer to concentrate on resurrecting the moribund negotiations with Syria than go on dealing with the PA. The reason for this was said to be the increasing complexity of the core issues yet to be aired: Jerusalem, refugees and borders. But by bringing the final-status talks forward, Netanyahu said, these issues would be taken

up sooner rather than later. With regard to peace talks with Syria, the prime minister was "encouraged" by President Hafez Assad's role in the joint Israeli-Syrian effort to wind down the recent escalation in southern Lebanon.

He credited the Syrian leader with reining in the Iranian-backed Hizbullah guerrillas, thereby avoiding further bloodshed.

However, Netanyahu described as a nonstarter Assad's demand that the armistice line existing from mid-1949 to June 4, 1967 be the outer limit of the Syrian forces' deployment in the aftermath of a proposed Israeli with-

that it would have to provide drawal from the Golan Heights. "The Syrians are torpedoing the peace talks before they resume,"

> Sovereignty would enable the Palestinians to forge military alliances with irag and Iran, challenge israei's control over the air space west of the Jordan River and deploy weapons

he said, indicating that the only acceptable cartographical term of reference was the political boundary between Palestine and Syria dating back to the British

near Tel Aviv.

Mandate. "The Syrians simply want to get down to the water," Netanyahu said, referring to Lake Kinneret, on whose northeastern shore the Syrian army was camped until the

outbreak of the Six Day War.

The premier also ruled out a return to the Green Line, saying it would trigger "internal conflict" within Israel. At the same time, he expressed surprise at the PA's apparent notion that its territorial objectives could best be achieved by the return of a Labor-led coalition to power. Israel "couldn't redeploy" in

Hebron under Labor, he recalled, adding immediately, "we could do it." The clear implication was that troop movements of such a kind need a Likud-led coalition to gain the requisite popular approval.

NETANYAHU did not betray the fatigue one might have expected following his intensive trip to the Far East last week. He placed particular emphasis on the decision by the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) to open an office here, adding that all the Israeli business executives who accompanied him on the six-day trip forged potentially lucrative

contacts or relationships with

Japanese firms. "They are interested in Israel's innovative capabilities and hightech industries and are no longer concerned about the Arab economic boycott or the Arab states' onetime monopoly on the supply of crude oil," he said.

Netanyahu waxed enthusiastic about the opening by Korea's Hyundai conglomerate of a research and development center here, and spoke about the prospect of at least two other major Korean firms following suit.

He stressed the importance of the discussions in Baku with Azerbaijan's President Gaidar Alleyev, especially regarding the supply of oil and gas to Israel.

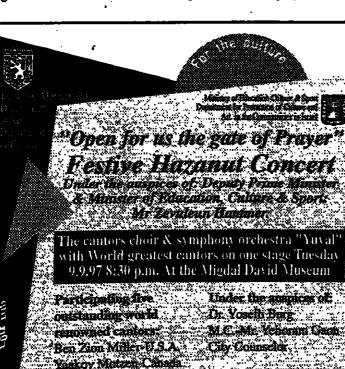
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A smoldering issue

tanding in the blackened interi-or of Mevasseret Zion's Reform nursery school, pointing out the torn window screen, broken window and burned toys. Chana Sorek, chairperson of the local Reform congregation, says they had essentially been forewarned about last weekend's torching of the nurs-

"We'll burn you out." "It's too bad they didn't burn you at Auschwitz." "You sell pork in the shopping mall. We'll burn the shopping mall and we'll burn you, too." These, says Sorek, were some of the threats made by Mevasseret residents at a highly charged, local council meeting last January when the Reform congregation was to be offered a parcel of land on which to build a synagogue and community center.

On Monday, hours after the arson was discovered, Tehiya Greenwald, a local Reform activist, received a telephone call from someone who told her, "You'll be hearing from us." Greenwald's telephone number appeared in an advertisement in the local newspaper for courses being held at the nursery, Sorek notes.

"People who live in the cottages and expensive apartments in Mevasseret think everything is quiet and calm here, but under the surface things are going on that are very hard to live with," Sorek says.

In her view, the nighttime arson at Kehilat Mevasseret Zion nursery was part of a larger pattern of political violence in the town. Two local council members, Akhram Barzani and Haviv Levy, had acid thrown onto their cars a couple of years ago. evidently because they made decisions regarding local building rights that led some residents "to want to take revenge," Levy says. Not long ago a grenade was thrown into a grocery store that opened up in competition with a nearby store, Sorek adds.

Mevasseret Zion, which has 20,000 residents, lies about 10 kilometers west of Jerusalem on either side of Route 1. The Maoz Zion neighborhood on the south side of the highway is populated mainly by the descendants of Kurdish and Iraqi immigrants who came here in the 1950s. The north side, called Mevasseret Yerushalayim, which

Tempers are inflamed over the torching of the Reform nursery school in Mevasseret Zion. Larry Derfner tries to discover who was responsible

was originally populated in the 1950s by North African immigrants, has grown extensively in recent years. Today, most of its residents are middle-class Ashkenazim who moved here in the last two decades. Some 220 families, the majority of them Ashkenazim, are Reform

The arson at the nursery school, Sorek maintains, was an outgrowth of the fierce resentment felt by some of the town's impoverished Sephardim against their Astikenazi neighbors. It was also connected, she contends, to the recent violent attempts by some 100 Sephardi families, many of them homeless, to move into the local absorption center.

"I'm not saying that the squatters are the ones who made the threats against us," Sorek says. "But there is an element among [poor local Sephardim] who are angry, violent, and some are alcoholics or drug addicts. They're also traditionally religious, so it's easy to turn them against the Reform because we're like a symbol of the Ashkenazim, who they claim have stolen their land - which is ridiculous," Sorek

A spokesman for the Jerusalem police force said a connection between the threats made at the council meeting and the attempted takeover of the absorption center "is one of many possibilities being investigated (in the arson case), but I don't wish to go into it further because it's a very sensitive issue." Sorek says a local council member, whom she did not name, told her, When you see the way [some squatters] barge into our offices, cursing and threatening, you can understand how such a thing [as the arson] could happen."

Local council head Eli Monyal disagrees strongly with Sorek's reading of the matter. He says the squatters at the absorption center "are just people in distress. They are angry against the establishment, but they have nothing against the Reform." Mouyal and Haviv Levy

deny that they have ever been threatened by the squatters. Furthermore, says Mouyal, the squatters are not connected to the people who protested at the January council meeting. Those demonstrators, says Mouyal, were "local Shas supporters connected to [Shas coun-

cil member and National Insurance Institute deputy director] Yigal Barzani." The background of the arson, Mouyal insists, has nothing to do with ethnic or class tensions, only religious ones. "I believe the arson was carried out by religious people, Orthodox, who are against the Reform," he says.

Unlike Sorek. Mouval is not convinced the fire was started by locals. "They might have come from Jerusalem For instance, there was a busload of [anti-Reform] demonstrators brought in from Jerusalem for the council meeting [in January]," he notes.

However, both Sorek and Mouyal blame Barzani for inciting local enmity against the Reform. "He went from synagogue to synagogue in Maoz Zion, telling people the council was going to 'steal your children and make them Reform," Mouyal said. Barzani and his supporters hung posters claiming Reform Jews eat pork on Yom Kippur, Sorek says. They also protested outside Mouval's house. "This was incitement, and incitement leads to violence," says Mouyal.

The uproar in the council over the Reform synagogue and community center was so menacing that Mouyal adjourned the meeting after five minutes. "If I hadn't cleared everyone out, I would have had a war on my hands," Mouyal says.

Another war seemed to be brewing in advance of the rescheduled meeting in March. "The meeting was set for 8 p.m. Barzani's demonstrators were going to come at that time, so at the last minute I moved it up to 6 p.m.," Mouyai says.

The council voted to let the Reform community build its synagogue and community center. But Sorek says the project hasn't moved forward "because the council is afraid of angering the Interior Ministry, which is run by Shas."

Like everyone else on the council, Barzani condemns the arson attack. "It was dreadful that such an act could occur in a democratic country like Israel. It went against the Torah. The police have to find the criminals and punish them," he says.

At the same time, Barzani freely acknowledges that he hung anti-Reform posters and organized local residents to protest against the Reform, saying he acted strictly within the limits of law and democracy. "The Reform are heretics against the Torah of Israel," Barzani says. "They should not be allowed to build a synagogue, a community center or a nursery school here."

He adds that the arson will not deter him. "I will continue to take aggressive action within the limits of democracy to diminish Reform activities in Mevasseret Zion," he

Barzani says he never heard any threats to "burn" the Reform, claiming these were "products of Mrs.

Sorek's wild imagination."
The 41 children of Kehilat Mevasseret Zion are currently in a municipal nursery building, following the council's vote to let them use the building while their burned-out nursery is being repaired. Barzani's was the only "no" vote.

Rabbi Avraham Yosef, the rabbi of Maoz Zion, deplores the arson and says he intends to sermonize against violence. 'I'm against the Reform, but I'm also against violence," he

Yosef adds that he is convinced the arsonists did not come from Mevasseret Zion. Asked why, he replies, "Whoever heard of a Jew doing such a thing to other Jews?"



Zohar Dardik, 3, examines a toy among the remains of Mevasseret Zion's Reform nursery school,

Azzam in court before the verdict, still hoping for the best. (Reuters)

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The price of doing business in Egypt

The sentencing of Azzam Azzam in Egypt on charges of spying for Israel has raised tension between the two countries. Many believe the verdict will not only deter Israelis from doing business in Egypt, but will also impact on Cairo's international trade. Herb Keinon reports

or the general public, the televised images of a caged, frightened and drawn-looking Azzam Azzam being sentenced in an Egyptian court to 15 years' hard labor for spying were harrowing. For Azzam's family, in the Druse village of Maghar in Galilee, the pictures were undoubtedly nightmarísh.

And for Israeli businessmen doing business, or interested in doing business, in Egypt, the images set some warning bells

ringing. "Egypt does not want Israelis," the prime minister's adviser on Druse affairs, Assad Assad, was quoted as saying after the verdict. "This verdict is a clear message to Israeli businessmen who are operating in Egypt."

Azzam, 36, worked as a mechanic at the joint Egyptian-Israeli Tefron textile factory in Cairo, and lived in Egypt for six months prior to his arrest. "Business with Egypt cannot just go on as usual," said a senior official at the Ministry of Industry and Trade. "The Israeli businessman cannot be certain that he will not be taken

Just ask Dvora Ganani. Ganani, a former spokeswoman for the Health and Tourism ministries, lived in Cairo for five years - where she owned a car, apartment and office - and was the doyenne of the Israeli business community in Egypt.

The Israeli Embassy was known to refer Israelis interested in opening up an enterprise in Egypt to Ganani, who would try to steer them in the right American, Euro-pean, Israeli and Japanese companies in Egypt," she said. "I was a matchmaker between foreign and local companies, introducing companies to the Egyptian market. I have properties and investments there.

But on July 16, she was detained by Egyptian security personnel at Cairo International Airport for 24 hours. She was never told why, but she read later in the Egyptian press that espionage." On the day she was

arrested, Labor Party Chairman Ehud Barak happened to be in

Egypt. He convinced the Egyptian authorities to let her return with him to Israel, and convinced Ganani to do the same. "If I am a spy, everyone is a spy,"

She added that she was on the verge of coupling a number of Israeli firms with Egyptian counterparts in order to begin joint ventures in Egypt. "I brought money and business to Egypt," she said. "To this day I have no idea what the problem

"It is sad that this is the way the Egyptians treat someone like me, an investor who was brave enough to buy an office there, and to build there, Five years ago they opened the doors for me, now they've closed them."

--Dvora Ganani

Ganani said she was told through Egyptian Foreign Minister Amir Moussa's office that she would not be allowed back into Egypt, "It is sad that this is the way they treat someone like me, an investor who was brave enough to buy an office there, and build there. Five years ago the Egyptians opened the doors for me, now they've closed them," Ganani said. "I have no idea what their

Gil Feiler, managing director of Info-Prod Research (Middle East) Ltd., a Tel Aviv-based firm that specializes in promoting joint ventures in the Arab world, comments that making things easy for Israeli investors is not one of Cairo's priorities. Last year, according to gov-

ernment figures, trade with Egypt amounted to \$57.5 million in exports, and \$25 million worth of imports.

"They [the Egyptians] could triple the trade with no prob-lem," Feiler said. "That they are not doing so is because of political reasons, and their own internal calculations." Feiler said it is obvious that

the Azzam affair will have a definite deterrent impact on Israelis interested in doing business in Egypt.

But what should really con-

cern the Egyptians, he said, is the impact it may have on international businessmen as well. "Egypt today is one of the best business opportunities in the Middle East," he said. "However, when they make problems for Israeli businessmen, it doesn't help their

Feiler said that the arrest and conviction of Azzam, taken together with other developments in the country such as the CNN report on female genital mutilation in Egypt, the detention of Israeli businesspeople at Egyptian border crossings and Islamic fundamentalism, leave a negative imprint on the businessman just searching for a

quiet place to make a buck. Moshe Kobi, who deals with Israel-Egypt trade at the Finance Ministry, says that the influence of the Azzam affair will be most pronounced on small investors. He said that they are likely to be deterred, not only because of a concern for their own physical wellbeing, but also because of a "concern for the security of

their investments. Ganani, for instance, now has investments in Egypt she cannot access. One man, who for business reasons demanded anonymity, called the Azzam case a very dark cloud. "People who



Dvora Ganani lived and did business in Egypt for five years before she was forced out.

travel there a great deal are afraid," he said. "It is symbolic of the state of our relations, and it sits heavy in the back of my mind.`

But Ya'acov Yisraeli, a Tel Aviv-based attorney who represents a number of Israelis with business links in Egypt, said there are not a lot of Israelis who travel frequently to Egypt for business. No one was able to provide a figure on the number of Israelis who, like Azzam, work there on a full-time basis, although all agreed the number was no more then a "few" indi-

viduals. Yisraeli divided business dealings with Egypt into three categories: agriculture, joint

ventures and large projects.

The agricultural endeavors, he said, are either Egyptian farms run with Israeli know-how, or Israeli companies that grow produce in Egypt and then market it

in Europe. The joint ventures consist of Israeli firms which set up companies in Egypt with Egyptian

partners. This company then manufactures the goods, usually textiles, and markets them in Egypt or the Arab world. In these cases, Yisraeli said, the Israelis generally come in and help set up the companies, and then leave Egypt, relegating day-to-day management to fax and phone

"The types of investment to be hit the hardest by the Azzam case," he said, are long-term projects, such as desalination.

These enterprises, he said, often entail a degree of longrange commitment, investment and trust which, in the current climate of relations between Egypt and Israel, are hard to

come by. Yisraeli said he himself is not afraid of traveling to Egypt, which he does a few times a year, even after the Azzam affair. But, he said, the incident has raised the tension barometer. And it is well known," he added, "that businesses look for tranquillity."

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was a misty night." recailed former CBS president Fred Friendly, his thickly bespectacled septuagenarian's eyes laden with nostalgia, pride and gospel, "when Ed Murrow and I stood on a London rooftop and waited for the Luftwaffe's bombers to penetrate the clouds above us."

When, after a seemingly endless wait, a few dim lights appeared in the sky, attached to roaring Messerschmidt engines and potent payloads, the two began describing the view: the start of the Battle of Britain.

Wars, to be sure, had been described in detail since antiquity, but Murrow and Friendly spoke into a telephone receiver, which transmitted the cacophonous sounds of heavy bombardment surrounding them to millions of breathless listeners on the other side of the Atlantic.

"That," said Friendly to yet class at Columbia

What is journalism?

University's School of Journalism, is what it's about telling it as it is, writing history's first draft, and sharing it with the public - so that the people shall know." Indeed, that is — or ought to be

- the essence of news reporting. The journalistic profession has developed dramatically since Julius Caesar etched assorted bits of information — from tales of his military triumphs to arrival and departure times of merchant boats - in stone tablets positioned along Rome's forum, so that the people shall know.

Already that early meeting of ruler and people through the former's selected news and selfstyled medium was satisfying the thirst for information and the urge to supply it, which some believe are built into the human brain.

The mounted messenger network operated by Persian emperor Xerxes, as described in the Book of Esther, was a perfection of Caesar's tool; now an element of movement was introduced into the system - so that the people shall

And once the printing press was invented, European entrepreneurs began publishing journals in as many copies as the market would demand, thus introducing that idol and Satan of our industry, circulation, that cruel gauge of how many

people actually want to know. broadcast from Baghdad in 1990. Naturally, with the introduction

of movement, circulation and private ownership, the media posed a threat to the political powers that be. For a few generations, an high time all those involved in it assortment of laws, taxes and intimidation tactics were devised in an effort to thwart the press's desire to inform. Gradually, beginning in England and its American colonies some three centuries ago,

so that the people shall know. There remained, of course, the problem of speed.

these were mostly done away with,

When French Catholics massacred hundreds of Huguenots in 1572, the news had to be quickly relayed to the Vatican. Back then it was considered a great achievement that the news - through the Tassi family's private network of messengers — managed to travel the distance from Paris to Rome,

through the Alps, in 11 days. Surely that Il-day transmission would have boggled the minds of Murrow and Friendly, in the unlikely event that they would have pondered it while broadcasting a war, live, in action, to millions of listeners thousands of miles away. But then, the same would have been true for the gap between that London roofton's. audio show and the satellite-trans-

mitted footage which Peter Amett

The bottom line of all this is that the business of popular information is developing more rapidly than anyone can monitor, and it's

assessed its costs and benefits. Princess Diana's death this week, whether her driver was drunk or sober, came while people who purport to be photojournalists besieged her car. Now, we the media had better shout at those impersonators from the depth of our lungs: Paparazzism isn't journalism. Voyeurism has nothing to do with history's first draft. It dwells on the trivial, anecdotal and strictly private, and, rather

expose, so that the people shall drool from the mouth. The spread of freedom and the advancement of technology have transformed Caesar's old tablets, where the state selected what the people would know, into the media of freedom. Since then, journalists ranging from Theodor Herzl to Bob Woodward redefined the role of public information, ultimately toppling rulers, creating states, and

than seek to inform so that the

people shall know, it seeks to

democratic menace like loe McCarthy into history's dustbin. Like any other power, this one

too was likely to be abused, as it has been for at least a century, since America's so-called muckraking penny papers routinely besmirched individuals, regardless of reality.

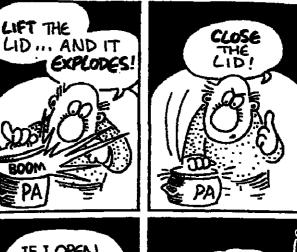
And yet the paparazzis' journalistic malpractice represents a new, intolerable level, since their habitually misguided weapon is so potent that it may harm the rest of the media's hard-won freedom and

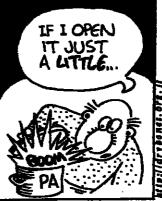
In essence, paparazzis are to journalism what kick-boxing is to sports, what opium growers are to farming and what pornography is

Yes, they satisfy deep-seated demands, among both their celebrity subjects and their tabloid-reading public. Yet what they are doing is sucking the blood of a morally indispensable and socially invaluable profession.

Napoleon said that each of his soldiers carried in his backpack a marshal's baton. With today's equipment, journalists may be carrying not only Herzl's inkwell, Fred Friendly's microphone and Peter Amett's lens, but also autocratic Caesar's stone tablets and - as Murrow did in the 1950s, despotic Xerxes's mounted mesthis time as a TV pioneer - send a sengers. Ours has become a power at least as potent as that of governments. If we won't check it ourselves, someone else will.

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SHABBAT SHALOM

A delicate balance



Parshat Shoftim

By SHLOMO RISKIN

"Do not pervert justice, and do not give special consideration to anyone..." (Deut. 16:19)

abbi Joseph B. Soloveichik would tell the following story about his grandfather, the legendary R. Haim of Brisk. Once, when still a child, the future Torah giant ran to his father, crying. "Why are you crying?" his father asked. The young Rav Haim explained that his brother Shmulik had wanted to hit him.

"And how do you know he wanted to hit you?" the little boy was

"Because he hit me."

The father, surprised, asked: "Why then didn't you complain that your brother hit you?"

"Well," explained the young R. Haim, "whenever your students suggest a Talmudic interpretation. you ask them to prove their contention. Had I said that Shmulik hit me, I couldn't prove it. I didn't have two witnesses. Therefore, I could only say that Shmulik wanted to hit me - the proof being that he actually did!"

If you like this story, chances are the study of Talmud is for you, not because of the hairsplitting but because of the young boy's ability to sense legal subtleties, to concepmalize issues of testimony and evi-

dence despite his smarting face. But this same story can also provide ammunition with which to denigrate Jewish law; after all, if there are no witnesses, he wasn't hit! Indeed, the critics would argue that the law of Moses has become antiquated and has been replaced by the love in the Christian Gospels. The popular conception is

that the Torah is often merciless. Citing various passages to substantiate such claims, the evidence would no doubt include the opening verses in this week's portion of Shoftim, where the Torah commands us to appoint judges who "shall not give special considera-tion to anyone..." (Deut. 16:19). This sounds laudable enough, but when taken in conjunction with other admonitions such as "Do not pervent justice, do not give special consideration to the poor..." (Lev. 19:15) or "Do not favor the poorest man in a lawsuit" (Ex. 23:3), one emerges with the notion that when it comes to law, extenuating circumstances are totally ignored.

All of the above would seem to justify accusations that Judaism revolves around the strict letter of the law. But then we remember the biblical definition of God - or at least the aspect of the Divine that can be grasped by the human intellect: "The Lord, the Lord, God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth" (Ex.34:6). And if the central biblical commandment is for humans to emulate God ("And you shall walk in His ways"), then

clearly we must express love and compassion in our legal system! This approach is clearly borne out by the Talmud, the source of law in our daily lives. Consider the well-known incident

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involving two porters who negligently break a barrel of wine while working for the wealthy sage, Rabba bar bar Hana. Since they are destitute, Rabba asks for their cloaks as reimbursement for the damage they caused. The porters present their case to Rav, the legal authority at the time, who rules in their favor. "Is this the law?!" exclaims Rabba.

"In this case it is," rules Rav, quoting a verse in Proverbs: "That you may walk in the way of good men.... (2:20). Now the porters, obviously sparked by their good fortune, press a claim for wages, and Ray rules that Rabba must pay them.

"Is this the law?!" he sputters once again, and Rav again responds: "In this case it is," citing the latter part of the verse in ... and maintain the Proverbs:

paths of the righteous Here we see how a judgment was influenced by outside factors: not only the empty pockets of the porters, but the financial and intellectual status of Rabba bar bar Hana, who would not be a righteous man in the eyes of the Torah if

he stood on the letter of the law. In effect, the story teaches us that for certain individuals, compassion becomes law. Indeed, the Talmud rules (B.T. Sanhedrin 6a) that when two individuals come before a judge, they must first be asked if they wish bitzua, which does not mean compromise, or an out-of-court settlement, but rather a judgment which takes into account the circumstances involved. This is called lifnim mishurat ha-din - or going beyond the requirements of law and deciding in accordance with the requirement of love. The Taimud rules that the commandment which devolves upon all judges is to decide in accord with

This concept of going "beyond the law" is one of the foundations of Judaism. Among the reasons given in the Talmud as to why Jerusalem was destroyed, Rabbi Yohanan says that when it came to court cases, the judgments did not go beyond the requirements of the law (Bava Metzia 30b). Thus this concept of love and compassion becomes one of the pivotal forces in Jewish life. But if this is correct, why does the Torah seem to project one image of law while the Tahmid projects another?

The truth is that there must always be a tension. On a certain level, there must be objective legal standards, with objective legal, societal demands. If that were not the case, the poor and underprivileged would constantly take advantage of their legal edge to wreak havoc on society. Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself" must always be tempered by "Thou shalt not commit adultery" - too much loving can uproot the very foundation of society. The written law therefore must insist upon objective legal standards; the oral law must grant leeway to temper the law with compassion when

the situation warrants it. Our Torah is a synthesis of law and love, truth and peace, each of which must be blended with the other if our humanity is to prevail. Shabbat Shalom

DRIVE CAREFULLY

A VIEW FROM NOV



By MOSHE KOHN

ne of the great American journalists of the first half of our century was Pulitzer Prize-winning writer, editor and public official Herbert Bayard Swope (1882-1958).

Shortly before his death he wrote in the (now defunct) New York Herald Tribune: "The first duty of a newspaper is to be accurate. If it be accurate, it follows that it is fair."

Accuracy in ionnalistic reporting ideally means not merely presenting verifiable facts, but presenting all the relevant facts. It also requires reporters to strive to the dest of their num present what they observed or heard in proper order and according to proper weight. If they don't, their editors should set

them straight. Accuracy also requires editors to have reporters of proven reliabili-

ty and integrity. Furthermore, unless the editors know something the reporters don't, they shouldn't alter the reporter's emphases in the course of cutting the story "to fit." Nor should they feature in the headline a detail to which the reporter attached less than primary importance, or a detail that tells only part of the story thus distorting it.

Anyone for accuracy? A good example of such accurativess, while other children or

cy was the August 26 report of Voice of America's Jerusalem correspondent, Al Pessin, on that day's violent demonstration in Bethlehem against the city's closure. His report reflected a characteristic Arafatian attitude - and. for that matter, an attitude of many mediacrats, including those who chased Princess Diana and her consort and chauffeur to their death in Paris last Saturday night -

to human well-being.
Pessin reported: "Stones flew from a crowd of about 20 Palestinian youths... The [Israeli] soldiers [guarding Rachel's Tomb] responded with tear gas and some gunfire. Palestinian sources say about a dozen schoolgirls were treated for teargas inhalation and about five other people were

injured by rubber bullets." Then Pessin reported a detail I other version:

"An ambulance which came for one of the girls waited patiently as a succession of television news crews came to its back door to videotape the girl inside."

The question arises: If that girl really needed the help of an ambulance or emergency-ward team,

did she also "wait patiently"? In that connection, one may also question the authenticity of some of the published photos of that incident. Some children and adults are shown holding their noses or covering them with kerchiefs apparently against teargas, with their eyes showing apparent disadults in the same photo simply look on without any noseholding

or distress in their eyes. Pessin quoted Palestinian "Minister of Commerce and Economics" Maher al-Masri as saying the PA "wants to stick with the Osio agreements."

That is an excellent idea! (Thanks to Dr. Joseph Lerner of Jerusalem, codirector IMRA/Independent Media Review & Analysis, for the text of Pessin's report from the VOA website.)

HERE IS an example of inaccurate journalism.

Several months ago Yediot Aharonot headlined a story. Poll: Jewish majority favors Palestinian state." The story's lead told us in bold type that this was happening for the first time in Israel's history. The Modi'in Ezrahi poli showed

support the establishment of a Palestinian state. The idea was opposed by 44.2%, and 4.5% took

What the headline didn't say, but the story did, in the third paragraph, is that those 51.3% of the 503 Jews polled supported the idea "if [the] establishment [of a Palestinian state] would lead to true peace between Israel and the Palestinians."

There is no way, of course, for us mortals to be certain of how such state would behave. All we can do is decide, on the basis of the present conduct and rhetoric of the Arabs, especially those calling themselves Palestinians, whether

Indeed, if our Arab interlocutors consistently showed in both speech and action that they truly meant a peace aiming at relations at least on the level of US-Canadian relations, I venture to guess that 99.9% of Israel's Jews would favor the establishment of a Palestinian state. i would be among that majority.

The story also failed to mention that such polls have a margin of error of about +/- 4 percentage points. So the 51.3% majority was hardly something to shout about in a headline.

Susie Dym of Rehovot, a spokesperson for the City Committees for a Strong Israel (CCSI), complained to the Press Council that the newspaper's handling of that story was misleading. On July 13, the council informed Dym that it accepted the newspaper's rejection of her complaint.

SPEAKING OF public-opinion polls, 79.6% of Israel's Jews think the Palestinian Authority should outlaw the Hamas movement, just as the Israeli government out-lawed Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kach

In a Gallup telephone survey of a representative sample of 511 aduli Israeli Jews, 6.6% didn't think the PA had to outlaw Hamas, and 13.9% had no opinion or

wouldn't reply.

The poll, which Gallup conductfor late last week for IMRA/Independent Media Review & Analysis, found that 80.1% of those who voted for Shimon Peres

in last year's prime ministerial election and 86.4% of Netanyahu supporters thought the PA should outlaw Hamas, while 12.6% and 2.2%, respectively, did not.

Men and women differed significantly: 10.7% of the men voted по, ая сотпротей to стају 2,5% об the woman. But 78.4% of the men and 80.8% of the women voted ves, and 7.6% of the former and 11.9% of the latter didn't know. The remainder refused to answer.

Outlawing Hamas would be a real earnesi of the PA's intentions. There is no acceptable "explanation" why that murder gang should be allowed to function or exist at all in civilized society.

As for the risks involved for Yasser Arafat and the PA in such an action - if they wish to lead their people to a decent existence, they must take those risks.

Whatever one may think ideoiogically of David Ben-Gurion's actions, supported by his government, in ordering the bombardment of the Altalena and the disbandment of the Palmah in 1948, he and his government could not do otherwise if they were to lead and if the threat of Chinese mandarin-style anarchy and private militias was to be avoided.

Arafat and the PA must do the same, if they really seek peace with us and if they really seek to establish and build a healthy "Palestinian" nation.

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(Clockwise from above) Wearing this 'Serpentine' cocktail dress in 1995 - or anything else - photographers couldn't get enough of her; fun in a boat on holiday with sons William and Harry; next to singer elton John at a memorial service for

She could walk with kings and still let the supermarket cashier feel that she shared her dreams and heartaches.



Stardust and sympathy

Diana was the bebop princess who understood the pulse of the times because she was of the times.

By BARBARA AMIEL

can't help thinking that Moslems and Jews have the right idea when they demand that their dead be buried within 24 hours. Though my interest in the life of the Princess of Wales remains undiminished after hours of television, de mortuis nil nisi bonum notwithstanding, the more time passes, the more contradictions in every life great and small become evident. Or do they?

Shakespeare understood the matter when he penned Antony's oration at the death of Julius Caesar. "The evil that men do lives after them," he wrote. "The good is oft interred with their bones." Just as Shakespeare knew the truth was also the precise opposite, so it is with the death of Diana. Her tragic end has buried all the flaws, while the good lives on.

London has become a Fellini movie. People stand for seven hours to sign a book of condolences. Under normal circumstances they would by now have massacred each other in attacks of queue rage. Will Lord Lloyd Webber get the first two songs of Diana, The Musical written before London's Millennium Dome has been named after her?

Much emphasis is now put on Diana's charitable work and her warm and caring manner. She was able to reduce the estimable Dr. Henry Kissinger to

Jell-O, help the terminally ill smile, and get my secretary to work 10 hours overtime just on the chance of opening a door for her. A temporary industry has grown up of People Who Knew Her.

Trouble is, human beings are so made that most of us don't really know what goes on behind the eyes of those closest to us, let alone the kohl-ringed eyes of a woman of as many parts as Diana,

She lived, frankly, on the edge. On the one hand she was trying, quite successfully, to maintain a parallel court to the queen's which would allow her to retain a public presence in her charity work and give her quasi-official duties abroad.

At the same time, she wanted her personal life to be private while she enjoyed the lifestyle of a film star, complete with affairs, public weeps and personal confessions. These several aspects were doomed to collide, and those close to her could see the razor's edge.

The funeral is set and the queen has wisely and generously decided to give the divorced wife who lacked the mystical title of Her



Royal Highness a state funeral, though it is not quite a state funeral.

It is, explains a palace spokesman, a "unique" occasion for a unique person. Just as the Chinese absorbed their conquerors, the House of Windsor will rightly make the legend of Diana its own.

Anger against the press is grumbling along. The press, of course, have little interest in members of the royal family who simply walk their dogs, go to church, open fetes and do their duty. But Diana was a chameleon. She wanted the paparazzi present on Tuesday, but not on Wednesday.
The struggle to hijack her legend

is already on. British Prime Minister Tony Blair has called Diana "the people's princess," aka New Labor's goddess. That she cared about the sick, helpless and weak is beyond a doubt. But she also wanted a private jet as part of her divorce settlement, and spent forever in gyms and at couturiers. She seems marginally unsuitable as a people's icon.

But somehow, because of the stardust that coated her and the warmth she could exude, whether to a Bosnian war refugee or the editor of Vogue, she did in fact belong to everyone.

Diana had virtually no historical awareness of her role as possible queen of England or mother of the future king, nor had she much interest in statecraft. She certainly didn't set out to undermine the monarchy, nor was she particularly concerned to help it. Still, help it she did. The worst thing that can happen

to an institution such as a constitutional monarchy is boredom or irrelevancy. The less relevant it is in actually running the country, the more important it is for the monarchy to stay alive in the public consciousness. Essentially, the British monarchy, which I happen to favor, is an increasingly beleaguered institution. But all the royal family's earnest efforts to modernize have proved to be somewhat like the liberalization of

The more it tries to achieve relevance and get closer to the people, the more it loses the majesty of its raison d'etre.

Diana was of a different stripe. She gave the British people their first up-to-date fairy-tale princess a la Grace Kelly - except she was not borrowed from Hollywood.

Her contradictions - mirrored those of many of her would-be subjects. She was a willful wife and a vulnerable single woman. As a mother she seemed to be a devoted New Age Auntie Mame whose children adored her, though occasionally needed to rescue her. Her lack of pomposity and stuffiness, her stunning beauty and wardrobe to match, revived the monarchy, just as the films of Rogers and Astaire brought glamor and glitz to dreary England after the war. Her sons will inherit her legend, and the British monarchy will be the beneficiary.

Diana had wanted to be the queen of hearts, but the irony is that her power came from the human need for hierarchy. We are as hierarchical as jackdaws, and while aristocratic hierarchies are outdated today and most societies are arranged along republican lines, one of the first things each society does is create its own "glitteracy." America turns movie stars into princes and princesses. But we had the real thing.

We got the bebop princess who understood the pulse of the times because she was of the times. Rudyard Kipling contended that one had to walk with kings and have the common touch. Simply having the common touch made

one, well, just common. Diana had enough of the right stuff to create the image that she could walk with kings and still let the supermarket cashier feel that she shared her dreams and heartaches.

Now Diana is gone, she's missed like the blazes and I don't see her like among us. But the queen and her heirs have enough of the real stuff to harness this passion for Britain's good.

"to people's hearts"





Diana's warmth helped dissolve Britons' habitual reserve: A man kneels by floral tributes outside

(Clockwise from above) In New York, a graffiti tribute to Diana; Jordanian women read about the tragedy; Mother Teresa bids Diana farewell at the end of her visit in June.



The British: A quivering upper lip

The convulsion of grief that has seized Britain since Princess Diana's death on Sunday shows just how much she helped the nation shake off its traditional reserve.

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The ever-growing mountains of flowers around Diana's Kensington Palace home and other royal landmarks, the vast lines of people who have waited up to eight hours to record their condolences, and openly shed tears are new experiences in the land of the stiff upper

For the royal family, the overwhelming public emotion is as unexpected as Diana's sudden and tragic death.

Each day, Buckingham Palace has had to amplify its plans for the funeral procession and has increased the number of condolence books placed at St James's Palace, where Diana's body is lying, from 5 to 43. A Welshman wrote in one of the books: "I feel more grief for Diana than I did at the loss of my own family."

The reaction to Diana's death is a vivid demonstration of just how her informal, affectionate way of dealing with people not only reflected the mood of modern Britain, but helped to mold it. "The public response to the death of Diana is not a fabrication of the media. It is a revelation of the country we have become," John Gray, professor of politics at

Oxford University, wrote in The person: Diana...She preached a Guardian newspaper.

Britain's grief has cut across class, religion and race, reflecting just how universal her popularity was. "We mourn her because for all of us - young and old, posh and common, Left and Right, monarchist and republican, feminist and male chauvinist - she had become part of our daily lives," wrote royal biographer Ben Pimlott in The Guardian.

Unlike the royal family she married into, and despite her glamorous lifestyle, Diana was seen as accessible and sympathetic to the everyday hardshipse of others. Britons never tired of reading about the ups and downs of her troubled life.

"She had become a receptacle for our own most complicated emotions," said Pimlott.

People had begun to deplore the once-respected royal family for its treatment of the vulnerable young woman who married into it at the age of just 20. Having seen Diana's example of how royals could behave, Britons no longer had time for the monarchy's rigid formality - never more poignantly on display than on the morning of Diana's death, when her two grieving sons were made to attend

a public church service. The royal way was no longer in keeping with the way the British see themselves, said Jonathan Freedland in The Guardian. "Much of the shift is down to one

creed of hugs and warmth and confession, a revolutionary doctrine whose enemy was the frigidity of

our habitual reserve," he said. "In mourning her, we've shown how much we have thrown off the old ways - and how much like her we have become."

Diana's enormous popularity was a reflection of the change in values that swept a Labor government to power in May this year after 18 years of Conservative rule. "Diana was the princess of a young country. Both she and [Prime Minister Tony] Blair signaled a new informality, the end of the age of defer-ence," wrote columnist Suzanne wrote columnist Suzanne Moore in The Independent.

The Labor government is now having to nudge the royal family into the 21st century and make it take into account the swell of public grief in its planning for tomorrow's funeral, said Moore.

Buckingham Palace has extended the funeral procession route to more than 5.5 kilometers to accommodate the millions of people yearning to come to pay their last respects. To ease the crush, the palace has announced that huge video screens will be set up in Hyde Park.

But bereft Britons want more, said Moore. "A fitting memorial would be a funeral that truly included the dispossessed rather than merely the great and the





Diana's charity work may have been understated

Stories surfacing this week suggest that Princess Diana touched the sick and the down-and-out far more often and more deeply than was publicized during her lifetime. She apparently kept most of her work away from public view so as not to spoil its intimate nature.

n a raw winter night in 1994, Princess Diana dropped by a shelter called Off the Streets to comfort 40 prostitutes, drug addicts and other homeless Londoners.

As they waited, a swaggering 23year-old told Paul George, the social worker in charge: "I don't know about these royals. I think the IRA should shoot them all. She comes in here, we can give her a good one."

Then Diana walks in, and he's the first person she sees in this big warehouse," George remembers. "She walks over to him, and I'm thinking, Oh my God, this is going to be trouble! But then Diana says: 'It's Ricky, isn't it? Didn't I meet you when you were sleeping down in the Strand?' And he just melts. That's right, he says, I'm getting myself together now...."

That story is one of many surfacing this week that suggest Diana touched the sick and the down-and-out far more often and perhaps more deeply than was publicized during her lifetime. "It's an example of how she disarms and channs," George said, having trouble using the past tense.

The death of Diana, described by the London newspaper The Independent as "probably the most successful fund-raiser on the planet," has set off a flood of new offers to her favorite charities.

In response, Buckingham Palace Tuesday set up an official memorial fund in her name to collect and administer them. While welcoming that move, Britons involved in these causes said Diana's true legacy is not the millions she raised with celebrity lunches and auctions of her fashionable clothes, but an irreplaceable compassion she brought directly to people she was helping.

The British-based Leprosy Mission and the National AIDS Trust credit Diana with easing the stigma of those diseases by embracing sufferers on camera, dispelling the myths that either can be spread by human contact.

She also held publicized benefits for the Centrepoint organization for the homeless, the English National Ballet, the Great Ormond Street Hospital for children and the Royal Marsden NHS Trust cancer treatment center - the few charities she focused on after resigning from 100 others in July 1996, just before her divorce from Prince Charles.

But Diana kept most of her work from public view so as not to spoil its intimate nature.

"There was no financial benefit when she made a private visit," said George, whose shelter is one of 14 run by Centrepoint. "Money is not what it was about. She wanted to know what life was like for people less fortunate than herself. And she wanted to make a difference by showing that she cared." Diana went incognito to the

Strand to visit vagrants sleeping on the pavement, George said, and a few months ago she brought her two sons to help prepare a meal and meet people staying at his shelter. He said these visits often involved elaborate security procedures, such as changing cars, to throw photographers off her trail. While it was never a secret that the princess conducted missions of

comfort out of the limelight, the extent of them is just starting to become known. A wide range of ordinary Britons whose burdens she shared now feel free to speak about friendships that, until her death, had to be confidential. Philip Woolcock, a 45-year-old social worker, told the Daily

Telegraph that he and his wife had carried on a friendship with "the real Diana" since 1991, when the princess first learned through her charity work that their 18-year-old daughter Louise was dying of cancer. After comforting the girl with calls and bedside visits until her

the parents and confided, in tears, that her marriage was falling apart, Woolcock said. "Judy and I simply couldn't believe that here was the future queen confiding in us," he told the newspaper.
"She spoke to us with such honesty and compassion. That visit made us

feel that life was probably still worth

living after our terrible loss." Other

death in 1992, Diana dropped in on



A young girl sits proudly on the princess's knee at a cancer hospital in Pakistan this year.

Britons aided by Diana said in interviews that they, too, felt her all the more empathetic because she did not hide the suffering in her own life. "She knows that homelessness can happen to anyone," George said. "In a sense at some point she must have felt

had heart surgery at London's Royal Brompton Hospital in May. Diana had also given the child her direct phone number at the palace and taken Among the mourners at Kensington "She gave our patients what none of

Palace this week was Danielle Stephenson, eight, whom the princess

had visited five times after the girl



Diana, in protective clothing, tours a minefield in Augola.

us was able to give - this magic," said hospital spokeswoman Averil Slade. "She came here as often as three times a week. She'd bounce in unamounced, in jeans and trainers, sit on people's beds and talk for hours." Another mourner was Vincent Seabrook, 27, who showed up at the palace with a memorial plaque trac-

ing his bond with Diana in verse. Seabrook was homeless and shivering in a doorway four years ago, he recounted, when Diana stopped to give him food and the phone number of Centrepoint. The two kept in touch, the charity gave him shelter and he later found work as a securi-(Los Angeles Times)

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IT'S that time of year again. People have already started sending out invitations for pre-Rosh Hashana celebrations. The first to hit my desk was from Mozi Wertheim and Victor Medina and general manager of Mizrahi Bank. They are planning a big

The Middle East on the Hill

The Senate and House returned to work Tuesday in the hope of tackling their agenda quickly so that the first session of the 105th Congress concludes by early November, in time for yet another break.

A number of key bills remained uncompleted prior to the summer recess and must be voted on. Here is a look at what Israel, the Palestinian Authority and Jordan, among others, have to look forward to in the coming months:

 The Martin Indyk Hearing: Indyk, who is concluding his ambassadorship in Tel Aviv, will this month come before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that will consider his nomination as assistant secretary of state for Near East Affairs. The Zionist Organization of America has waged an anti-Indyk campaign on Capitol Hill, urging committee members to consider what the group calls Indyk's "meddling" in Israeli politics during the 1996 campaign and his criticism of Israeli peace policies.

A date for the hearing has not yet been set, but it is clear that Indyk is not in for a free ride. In early August, Senators Jon Kyl, a Republican, and Joseph Lieberman, a Democrat, urged committee chairman Jesse Helms to grill Indyk on why the 1995 law. While the two do not sit on the committee, they were

Here's what Israel, the Palestinian Authority and Jordan can look forward to as the US Congress goes back to work after the summer break. Hillel Kuttler reports from Washington

the first voices of discontent registered on Capitol Hill in advance of the hearing. Kyl, in fact, recently wrote to a constituent to say that his vote on Indyk "will hinge on his support for four provisions of the State Department authorization bill that recognize Israel's sovereignty in Jerusalem (see below). and on Indyk's "commitment to

enforcing" the 1995 legislation. Helms wrote back to Kyl, promising that Indyk will be pressed hard on the question of the status of Jerusalem." He also urged Kyl and Lieberman to submit additional questions for the record, which the nominee normally responds to in writing after the hearing.

In his February 1993 hearing to become ambassador, Indyk told a subcommittee that moving the embassy "would explode" the peace process and put the US "out of business as a facilitator" for Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. He can be expected to continue in that vein when he

testifies this time. Edward Walker's hearing to replace Indyk in Israel is bound to be a walk in the park by com. The Middle East Peace at risk, too. Facilitation Act (MEPFA): While Congress was away, MEPFA expired for good - this. after the administration reversed course several times on what to do about the law that waives prohibitions on US dealings with

the PLO.

While the only immediate consequence of the law's lapse was the closing of the PLO's Washington office, it is in the administration's interest to resuscitate the legislation. Congress, long a foe of the PLO, is content to wait it out and see what the administration's new game plan is. It is likely to be open to a fair replacement for MEPFA should the upcoming visit of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright prove reassuring, a Congressional source

said last week. But if Congress perceives that PA president Yasser Arafat continues to betray the Oslo Accords, then not only will the minuscule amount of the US's direct financial assistance to the PA be affected, but the nearly \$100 million in US aid for Palestinian infrastructure and humanitarian projects could be

Even with senators and members of the House on vacation. "rumblings about cutting off the aid" were heard from some of their advisers following Arafat's recent embrace of Hamas leaders in Gaza, according to a pro-Israel lobbyist. Those misgivings are likely to intensify in the aftermath of yesterday's terrorist

bombings in Jerusalem. "Unless [Albright] can get something real from Arafat on the security and terrorism front, MEPFA is a dead issue. If Arafat doesn't deliver on security, there's nothing to talk about," the lobbyist said. "And I'd go beyond that - the aid could be affected. It goes into dangerous territory, into whether aid could be given at all. It's gone well beyond MEPFA.

Foreign aid: The House is slated to vote soon on the foreign operations bill, after which it goes to the House-Senate conference to merge the two chambers' bills.

Israel, Egypt - and the cause of foreign aid in general - stand to benefit no matter whether what emerges is the Senate version, the House version, or billion dollars more than that.

Israel and Egypt will continue receiving their usual \$3 billion and \$2.1 billion, respectively, in annual military and economic

Jordan stands to receive \$100 million, and perhaps much more. an amendment sponsored by Senate foreign operations subcommittee chairman Mitch McConnell sticks. In neither bill will Israel and Egypt forfeit the \$50 million each has pledged to divert to Jordan in support of its peacemaking. That will be straightened out by any number of creative bookkeeping options involving Jerusalem, Cairo and

ing nuclear technology to Iran.

aid to the PA to be withheld for has been changed and that the organization is in the process of bringing to justice five Palestinians involved in the

Arafat was aware of the plot.

 State Department authorization bill: An amendment cosponsored by Republicans John Ashcroft in the Senate and Bill McCollum in the House would prohibit any US financial transactions with Syria because of its sponsorship of terrorism. The administration stands squarely against the amendment because it believes it could alienate

For Israel, the key items in the bill are four provisions supporting its sovereignty in Jerusalem. They are: listing "Jerusalem. Israel" (rather than the current "Jerusalem") on the US passport of someone born in the city. should they make the request; having the Jerusalem consulate report to the US Embassy in Israel rather than remain unaffiliated with any embassy; listing Jerusalem as Israel's capital on all official documents, and bud-

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something in between. That is because for the first time since the 1994 Republican takeover. the US's overall foreign aid budget is not on the chopping block. The House bill contains \$12.2 billion, the same as last year, and the Senate version is actually a

assistance.

Washington.

committee would withhold aid to Russia unless the administration certifies Moscow is not sell-PLO-related amendments: There are several of these. The House bill contains one sponsored by New Jersey Republican James Saxton calling for direct

three months unless the president can certify several things, including that the PLO covenant killings of American citizens.

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administration isn't taking steps to move the US Embassy to Jerusalem, as mandated by a



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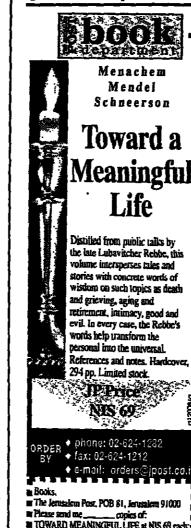
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An important amendment to be finalized by the House-Senate

On the Senate side, an amendment authored by Republican Arlen Specter would suspend the PA's aid unless the Justice Department can show that Arafat did not know in advance of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing Specier has made this a pet issue since Deputy Education Minister Viosine Peled told The Jerusulem Post that Israel has information indicating that

embassy to move to Jerusalem. and State Department authoriza-tion bills are likely to be held up for some time due to amendments relating to family planning programs advocated by conservative New Jersey con-



Berlitz Haifa remembers Diana

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Ithough Diana Princess of Wales never visited Israel and was not associated with any projects here, her name will be linked with Israel in perpetuity. Joel Leyden, director of Berlitz International's Executive Programs, announced on Wednesday that Berlitz International's new Haifa Center, officially opened on August 31, would be rededicated in Diana's memory because she was one of the world's greatest communicators. and perished on the day we officially opened. Noting that the Berlitz slogan is "Helping the world communicate." Leyden said: "We don't want anyone to forget what Diana Princess of Wales did for people worldwide." The center's change of name, proposed by David Lieber, Berlitz Middle East Region general manager and founder (in

1992) of Berlitz Israel, will be coordinated with the British Embassy, the British Foreign Office and the royal family. In accordance with protocol, no arrangements will be finalized until the official mourning period is over, Leyden

SINCE the tragic death of Princess Diana, many celebrities have come out sharply against paparazzi photographers who stalk

them wherever they go. In Montreal, actor Rod Steiger turned a tribute in his honor into a tribute to Diana and a denunciation of bloodbound photographers.

HEBREW was basely spoken at the wedding of Ya'acov the wedding of Ya'acov Sherman and Freydi Kaufman at Jerusalem's Ramat Tamir hotel this week. English was the dominant language, followed closely by French. The families of the young couple are friends and neighbors in Telz Stone, which has a large community of former. North Americans. The groom is the fourth of Eliyahu (Elliot) and Binyamina Sherman's 10 children, and their first-born son. His six sisters all came dressed in various shades of green. The bride. the first-born and only daughter of Shimon and Rivka Lea Kaufman, formerly of the Bronx, New York, is the youngest of their eight children. The groom's maternal grandmother, 85-yearold Antoinette Feuerwerker, an early haredi feminist who lives in

matic correspondent for Israel Radio's English News. While waiting for the seminar to start, Ze'ev received a beeper message from the Prime Minister's Office, It notified journalists that Binyamin Netanyahu would be taking his son Yair to school the following day, but requested that they desist from coverage so Yair could enjoy his first day, just like any other child. That was a tall order with so many bodyguards around; but compared to the huge photo spreads Yair got when he was on vacation with his parents and young brother, coverage of his first day in grade one was relatively low key.

WHO'S tripping up the Right? Last week former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir stumbled on the stairs while taking his constitutional on the Tel Aviv beachfront. And this week, Foreign Minister David Levy suffered a more embarrassing fall on the stairs while on his way to a cabinet

meeting. Fortunately both men have bodyguards with quick reflexes, so they were almost instantly back on their feet again.

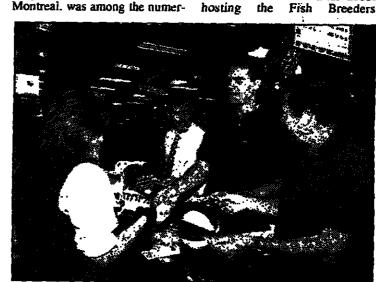
THE ambassador of Slovakia, Frantisek Dihopolcek, and his wife Dagmar had Slovakian delicacies flown into Israel for the reception they held at their Herzliya

Pituah home to cele-Slovakia's brate National Day. In addition to the beer, wine, sausages and pork products, they also served halusky with brynza which, to the unenlightened, are potato noodles covered with sheep's milk cheese. Vegetarians must have been delighted.

Rod Steiger

MACCABI Tel Aviv basketball captain Nadav Hennefeld and team member Oded Katch kicked off the annual Variety Golden Hearts campaign on the eve of their flight to Moscow. Accompanied by Variety president Ori Sionim, they stood at one of the Hamashbir stores and encouraged customers to buy a Variety heart in addition to their other purchases. Funds raised from the sale of hearts will help лееdy children, especially those with physical or mental disabili-

AFTER the general warning about the dangers of cleaning and eating fish. broadcasting person-ality Rafi Ginat and his wife Nava were in two minds about



Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball captain Nadav Hennefeld and Variety president Ori Slonim lend Hamashbir stores a helping hand.

Sixty years ago, Feuerwerker earned a law degree in Paris. Her late husband, Rabbi Professor David Feuerwerker, who taught Jewish history at the Sorbonne before moving to Canada, was the first French-speaking member of the Montreal Beit Din. There was a coast-to-coast representation among the Americans in attendance. The groom's father, who hails from California, is the moving force behind a monumental American friendship-for-Israel project being established at Telz Stone with the participation of all 50 states. At one stage, it seemed as if the exquisitely beautiful bride was part of the project. Dancing while held aloft on a cir-

ous overseas guests.

BEING the prime minister's adviser on Diaspora affairs and sitting on the Neeman Committee on Conversion must be very wearying for Bobby Brown, who was one of two speakers at an Emunah seminar on Israel-Diaspora relations. Brown was so tired that he yawned throughout and didn't once bother to cover his mouth. Could be that in a post-Zionist eta, Israel-Diaspora relations are a ho-hum thing.

cular table top, she kept produc-

ing white balloons from a huge

silver box and releasing them

among the merrymakers.

BROWN's fellow speaker at Emunah was David Ze'ev, diplo-

went swimmingly. None of their guests - including G.G. Studios' general manager Uri Porat and his wife Tzipi. Arkia managing director Dedi Borowitz and his wife, Tammy Mozes, and journalist and broadcaster Gideon Reicher and his wife Nili - ended up with a bone in their throat or. heaven forbid, something worse. WHEN they first moved from California to Jerusalem a year

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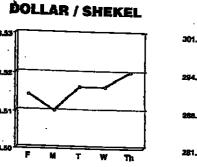
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hardly anyone. Now they know so many people they're in a bind over the guest list for their upcoming party to celebrate 18 months of residency. Their apartment won't hold more than 60 guests, but they've made so many friends that they're afraid anyone they don't invite

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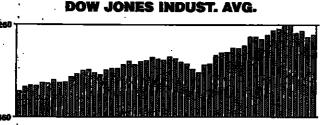
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Dead Sea Works cancels \$300m. venture

The management of Dead-Sea Works decided to cancel a project to construct a titimium dioxide factory in Sodom at a cost of \$300 million. DSW general manager and chairman of the boardnis Uri Ben-Nun yesterday confirmed.

This followed a failure to find a strategic foreign partner who would make a significant investment in the venture

The company negotiated for a long time with US chemical giant DuPont to enter into partnership in the project, but the ations failed to bring results, despite the fact that the la Shoul Eisenberg himself had personally been negotiating with the

Following the failure of negotiations with DuPont, the company entered into negotiations with British firm ICI, which produces titanium dioxide, as well as a number of European and US manufacturers, but without success.

The company hoped to find a strategic partner for the project similar to its partnership with Volkswagen in the magnesium factory - primarily due to the size of required investment, and because this is a new area of manufacture for DSW.

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Treasury set to present NIS 2.3 billion in cuts

By FELICE MARANZ

The Finance Ministry has pre-pared NIS 2.3 billion in budget cuts for 1998 and is scheduled to present them to the cabinet on

As of last night, it wasn't yet clear whether the budget debate would be rescheduled due to the terror attack in Jerusalem.

The Treasury's plan includes cuts for each ministry, except Health. At the same time, public health care institutions will be

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US investment bank Merrill

Lynch and Tel Aviv based broker-

age IBI are exploring various

ways to cooperate, including

merger and buyout, sources close to the talks yesterday said.

IBI is the largest private brokerage here. Merrill Lynch is the

largest brokerage house in the US.

two, by merger, buyout, or invest-ment by Merrill Lynch in IBL is

expected to create the strongest

brokerage house in Israel. It would

be considerably stronger than any

private broker in the Israeli mar-

ket, and might be strong enough to

compete against the commercial-

The two firms are already work-

ing together. For all intents and

By JANE LEE

KUALA LUMPUR (Bloomberg)

- In what may signal the calm after

the storm which recently plagued

most Asian currencies, Malaysia

will remove trading restrictions on

the 100 stocks of the benchmark

Composite Index effective today,

Finance Minister Anwar Ibrahim

"From detailed reports by the

Securities Commission, the stock

exchange, and discussion with the

private sector in the past few days,

we have found that we have achieved the aim that we set,"

Anwar told reporters. The aim was

Closer cooperation between the

Merrill Lynch mulls

buyout of IBI

Malaysia rescinds

stock market limits

allowed to raise fees,

The ministry also intends to reduce child subsidies for middle- and upper-income families, which it said will save NIS 500 million.

"For every proposal, there will be a lobby to say: 'It's the worst thing,' " said David Milgrom, head of the ministry's budget department. The cuts "are a continuation of our message that the government should make itself smaller and the business sector should flourish."

purposes, IBI is acting as Merrill

Lynch's agent in Israel. IBI has

acted as its representative in most

of the large transactions undertak-

The largest deal involved the

purchase this summer by Merrill Lynch of 12.5% of Bezeq's equity.

Other investments were made in

However, until now the two

companies have only cooperated

commercially without mutual ownership, but this is now under

consideration. Nevertheless, dis-

cussions are at an early stage; no

formal negotiations have yet taken

There is a precedent for foreign

investment in an local brokerage house: Swedish brokerage house

Proventus owns part of the con-

to "prevent the manipulation of

The Composite Index has fallen

14% since August 27, when the

Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange

restricted trading on the stocks that make up the benchmark

index in a bid to make it more dif-

ficult for investors to sell bor-

rowed shares short, in hopes they

can be repurchased later at a

The rule change required

investors to pay in full for the

shares they purchase. Under the

change, the seiler also had to

deliver the shares before a contract

lower price.

trolling shares of Nessuah.

en by Merrill Lynch here.

Agis, and Liraz.

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman promised not to raise taxes. "The tax burden on the people is negative and hurts growth. Our goal is to promote growth,"

The budget framework calls for a trimmer budget, with a deficit target of NIS 8.5b., or 2.4% of

gross domestic product.

Last month, the cabinet passed the framework of the budget and proposals for economic reform. Separately, Neeman has also developed a plan designed to

allow thousands of yeshiva students, currently supported by the government, to serve in the army and enter the workforce.

"Yeshiva students study logic for years, they are excellent material," Neeman said. For example, "they can become programmers, and Israel needs thousands of programmers."

The deficit from January through August in 1997 was NIS 6.7b., and the government is likely to miss its target by "a tenth of a percentage point," the Finance

Ministry said earlier this week. The government's deficit target for this year is NIS 9.744b., or 2.8% of GDP.

Growth was lower than forecast in the first half of 1997, rising at an annual rate of 1.6% in the second quarter. The ministry last year predicted growth rate of 4% in all of 1997; in July, it revised its expectations down to 2.5%. The Finance Ministry expects the economy to grow at a pace of between 3% and 3.5% in 1998. (Bloomberg)

Scitex signs strategic pact with Japan's

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Komori

Scitex and Japan's Komon Corp. yesterday announced a strategic alliance for the joint development and marketing of products and workflow solutions.

The companies said at a trade exhi-

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bition in Chicago that they aim to further integrate pre-press and printing

Herzliya-based Scitex and Komori, which manufactures offset and printing machines, are focusing on the interfacing of their systems. In a statement, Scitex President

and CEO Yoav Chelouch said that "Komori is a natural partner for Scitex." Komori's presses are ideal complements to Scitex's pre-press products, he said. Chelouch added that his compa-

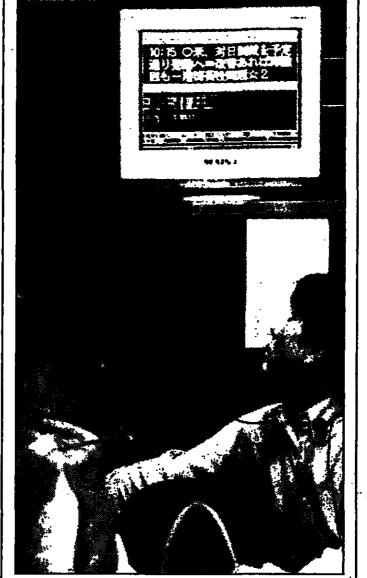
ny's customers, "as well as the indus-try in general, will see real time and cost benefits from the integration." Both companies have indepen-

less digital process integration and Yoshiharu Komori, president of Komori, stated that "the relationship is a logical step in line with Komori's

dently promoted the concept of scan-

capabilities." markets visual information communication products, for the graphic

Komori, which last year had annual sales of roughly \$770 million, has sales subsidiaries in the US, Britain,



A money trader at the Tokyo Foreign Exchange looks at a TV news update which says that the US government is to impose sanctions on Japanese shipping companies. (AP)

objective to expand its direct-to-plate Scitex develops, manufactures, and arts, digital printing, and digital video

Soros Foundation abandons hard-line Belarus ence in the Belarussian capital that it illegal protests and accused the group

By ELAINE MONAGHAN

MINSK (Reuters) - A leading international humanitarian organiza-tion founded by multi-millionaire George Soros said on Wednesday it had been hounded out of Belarus by

the former Soviet republic's authorities with demands for tax and threats of prosperation.

The Soros Foundation, set up by Soros to promote democracy in countries emerging from communism, announced at a news confer-

was pulling out. The closure...is part of a program

of activities by the Belarussian authorities aimed at destroying civil society and independent mass media," it said in a statement. John Fox, head of the Open Society Institute in Washington, the

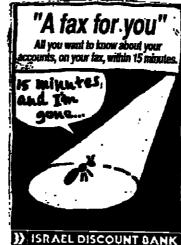
umbrella body to which the group belongs, told reporters local staff were being harassed by tax police. He said Soros groups had never before been shut down in a former Communist country. "The Belarussian authorities have distinemished themselves by forcing us to

close," he said. In March, President Alexander Lukashenko announced checks on social organizations he said were breaking the law.

The foundation said it had been repeatedly questioned by tax police ever since, its bank accounts had been frozen and it had been ordered to pay \$3 million in tax despite previous assurances it was exempt.

Two days after the checks were announced, Soros's local executive Peter Byrne, a US citizen, was barred from entering the country, detained for 18 hours and deported. State television said he took part in

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of backing "enemies of the state." The foundation denies this and

says its \$13 million in grants since 1993 have gone to projects in education, science, culture, mass media and Internet development. A-legal expert, Sergei Levshunov,

who worked with the Soros group, said it had paid for heart operations on 33 children last year who would Otherwise have died. Ales Antipenko, who took over

from the deported Byrne, spoke of "hundreds of thousands of wasted opportunities for young people to make contact with their peers abroad.'

Robert Kushen of the Open

Society Institute said the allegations against the group and its staff, which included tax and hard currency violations, were "completely unjusti-

The Foreign Ministry had no immediate comment but the head of the president's press service said the Soros group was "a bit strange" and the recent talks with the group were "probably not important enough for the president to comment on."

Lukashenko, a former farm boss who swept to victory in 1994, has since used referendum wins to tighten his grip on all branches of power and his only real domestic opposition comes from independent mass

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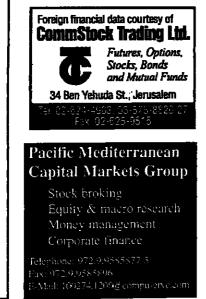
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Tel Aviv

Tel Aviv stocks closed lower as investors awaited trading on Wall Street and new economic figures that may indicate whether the Bank of Israel will change interest rates at the end of the month.

Analysts said the suicide bombing attack in Jerusalem yesterday would not deter investors interested in Israeli equities. Investors "are not sure the mini-crisis in New York has finished," said Zvi Hoffman, co-managing director of Meitav Ltd.

The Maof Index of 25 stocks lost 0.81 percent, to 294.76. The Mishtanini Index slipped 0.74% to 287.09. The Tel Aviv Continuous Trading Index slipped 0:59% to

Investors are watching for new data on inflation and the money supply, Hoffman said. The indicators have been primary considera-tions of Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel when he decides to raise or lower interest rates. Across the Tel Aviv Stock

Exchange, NIS 140.3 million worth of shares were traded. Three shares lost ground for every two

Hoffman said that news of the attack did not play a role in the day's declines. "The market does not react with drops because of an

The market next week will be affected by "economic, not politdevelopments, Hoffman

Europe

UK shares climbed for a fourth day as a weaker pound offset concern the US employment report, the most closely watched US economic indicator, may show surprising growth and fan talk of higher US interest rates.

Sterling's fall lifted companies that make a lot of their earnings abroad, including Glaxo Wellcome Plc, the world's secondbiggest drugmaker, and RMC Plc. the UK's largest building-materials company.

The benchmark FTSE 100 Index rose 14.4 points, or 0.29%, to 4991.3. The index Wednesday reached 5027.3, its highest since

August 13.

"People are waiting for the big numbers [today]," said Simon Fine, the head of UK trading at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson in London. "The dollar-earners are in the spotlight," Broader UK indexes also rose.

The FTSE 250 Index of mid-sized companies advanced 17.1 points, or 0.37%, to 4663.6, and the FT-SE Actuaries 350, a combination of the FTSE 100 and 250, gained 7.3 points, or 0.30%, to 2401.5.



Maof 294.76 ▼ 0.81% Dow Jones 7867 ▲ 27.4 FTSE 4991.3 A 0.29% Nikkei 18615.06 ▼ 0.64%

Some investors said that they were unwilling to commit funds before today's jobs report from the US. It's expected to show the American economy created 72,000 jobs last month, according to a Bloomberg News survey.

"You're not going to see much ahead of the figures," said Mark Gardner, a fund adviser at Julius Baer Investments Ltd., which has about \$41 billion under manage-

Asia

Japanese stocks slipped, led by electronics companies, as investors sought to realize gains in electronics makers before the halfyear book closing at the end of the

"We're simply seeing a correc-

tion from Wednesday's highs,' said Ichizo Yamauichi, director of research and planning at Kokusai Asset management Co., which

handles 170 billion yen (\$1.4 billion). "Banks and other companies are just selling those shares that gained most to post profits before the month's end." The benchmark Nikkei 225 Stock Average fell 120.11 points, or 0.64 percent, to 18,615.06. The Topix average of all shares on the first section fell 3.22 points, or

shares fell 0.04 point, or 0.11 percent, to 36,47. On Wednesday, electronics surged 4.3% as a group, leading the Nikkei in its biggest one-day jump in four months. Today. investors sold shares to lock in those gains before September 30.

0.22 percent, to 1446.63. The

Jasdaq index of over-the-counter

An estimated 381 million shares traded, shy of the six-month daily average of 401 million shares. Investors were also concerned

that declining worldwide chip prices and lower demand for personal computers could erode elec-tronics makers' earnings. Obviously what's happening in the US electrical sector and what's happening to the global semiconductor cycle have already been overriding the good news on the currency - i.e. a weaker yen," said Celia Farnon, a director at Nomura International Plc.

Wall Street

The blue-chip sector struggled. but stocks were mostly higher yesterday in quiet trading before today's key reading on wage infla-

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 27.40 points to 7,867.24. recovering over the final hour

from a 76-point deficit.

Broad-market indicators posted modest gains, with the Russell 2000 index of smaller companies closing at a record high for the sixth consecutive session.

The continued strength in smaller company shares also bolstered the technology-heavy Nasdaq market, which rose despite the second discouraging forecast in two days from a leading computer-industry concern.

Advanced Micro Devices slid sharply after late Wednesday's warning that slow production of its new K6 semiconductors would weigh down the company's thirdquarter results. Intel, maker of a rival high-end chip, rose in active Nasdaq trading.

The AMD news followed a discouraging outlook by computer maker Gateway 2000, but analysts said both announcements were specific to those companies rather than indicative of any industry trend.

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Dollar near lows versus mark

The dollar hovered above Wednesday's lows against the mark, undermined by concern the Bundesbank may raise interest rates in the near future.

Bundesbank President Hans Tietmeyer revived such concern Wednesday after expressing satisfaction over the mark's rebound and warning that "in the long term" a weak mark would be a burden for Germany and

While the dollar pared earlier losses after the Bundesbank left rates on hold at yesterday's monetary policy meeting, as expected, it didn't allay concern that the central bank may act soon amid evidence the German economy is gaining pace in the third quarter. "We think the Bundesbank will raise rates 10 basis points in the fourth quarter. That's a tiny absolute change but one that will

have significant signal impact,"

said Nick Parsons, currency strategist at Paribas Capital Markets. "Anyone who thinks Germany cannot raise rates with 4 million unemployed will be forced to reassess."

The dollar was steady at 1.8230 marks from Wednesday's lows of 1.8180 marks. The dollar was also little changed at 120.50 yen from 121 yen at Wednesday.

The dollar recouped some of its losses after falling as low as 1.8098 marks in earlier European trading as "traders may have been a bit cautious ahead of the Bundesbank's meeting," said Rob Hayward, an economic adviser at Bank of America. He added that traders were looking to buy the dollar at cheaper levels in order "to sell it back at the top... of the trading range."

Looking ahead, investors are now waiting for US reports, that



Dollar 3.5200 ▲ 0.14% Basket 3.7541 ▲ 0.13% Mark 1.9333 A 0.14% Sterling 5.5655 ¥ 0.44%

and today - expected to show the economy and demand for labor are robust. That could fuel inflationary pressure and trigger US

rates to rise. The mark has declined by 15 percent against the dollar since the beginning of the year. New orders to the German manufac-

than-expected 1 percent in July from and June and 6.4% from a vear ago. polled **Economists**

Bloomberg News expected a monthly rise in German manufacturing orders of 0.5 percent and an annual growth of 5.9%. "The market is fearful a rate hike could come any time,

though one is unlikely today," said Nick Stamenkovic, an economist at DKB International prior to the Bundesbank meeting. "It is enough to give the mark some support." While leaving the discount and

the Lombard rates unchanged, the Bundesbank left the terms of its target money market rate open, keeping scope to react quickly to a shift in the mark's value against the dollar.
Of 29 investors, analysts and

securities traders polled by were slated for release yesterday turing industry rose a larger- Bloomberg News, only one pre-

dicted the German central bank will fix its repo rate yesterday. The rest expected it to continue to fix it each week at its securities repurchase tender on Tuesdays. The reporate has been left unchanged at an historic low of 3% since August 1996.

Still, some economists are dubious a rate rise will take place My time soon, as it would choke the German export-led recovery by making German goods more expensive abroad.

"The continuing problem is where are the orders coming from. It's more export than domestic demand, " said Brian Hilliard, chief economist for fixed income at Societe Generale Straps Turnbull. "They'll be loathe to act, given that if they raise rates it will damage the domestic economy. They'll be cautious about making any interest rate moves.

Gold steady despite Russian sale

Precious metals

Platinum prices rose and palladium prices were little changed. Russia, the world's largest palladium producer and second largest in platinum output, only resumed shipments of the metals last month after a near seven-month histos. While the shipments have resumed, traders and analysts say Russian supplies for the rest of the year will remain sporadic.

Spot platinum was traded \$7.00 higher at \$418.00 an ounce. Spot palladium rose 25 cents to \$190.25

an ounce. Gold prices were little changed in London inter-bank trading. Gold

time event and not an indication of a change in governmental policy. The Russian Ministry of Finance sold 31 tons of gold to help pay off

debts to mining companies, the ministry said. Still, Russia has been building up its gold reserves at a time when other countries are cutting their holdings. Spot gold fell 45 cents to \$321.55

prices were steady in New York on Wednesday on expectations that

Russia's recent gold sale was a one-

Oil

Prices of October Brent crude oil futures were little changed in

COMMODITIES

Gold \$320.95 ▼ 1.05 Brent Oil \$18.35 ▼ 0.02 CRB 234.44 ▼ 0.84

London, after an unexpected 0.9 percent decline in US crude oil sup-

plies was balanced by higher heating oil supply and bets gasoline demand will fall.

A report issued after the close of New York floor trading by the American Petroleum Institute

gasoline supplies. The gasoline decline isn't con-

cerning traders too much, they said. The drop came as drivers filled tanks ahead of the September 1 Labor Day holiday, a weekend that marks the end of the peak demand season. Car use should now start to

Others

October Brent crude traded as high as \$18.45 a barrel, up 8 cents from Wednesday's close, before slipping back to \$18.36 a barrel, 1 Coffee fell on the London International Financial Futures and

showed an unexpected fall in crude
supplies, underpinned by a fall in
stockpiles are large enough to susstockpiles are large enough to sustain any fall in production. Prices soared on Wednesday amid concern drought could damage crops in Indonesia, Central America and Colombia, the world's second largest producer.
The 1998 crop from Indonesia

could fall by as much as 30 percent because of El Nino, which has brought drought to the country in previous years.

Coffee crops from Colombia and Central America could also fall, traders said, as a result of persistently dry weather during July and August. Coffee for November delivery in

London fell \$24, to \$1,666 a metric

US Bonds little changed amid growth concern

investors looked for evidence that the economy can continue to grow at a robust pace without a pickup in inflation.

"People are confused. We continue to have decent growth but litinflation," said Jim Madelmayer, a government bond

trader at Dresdner Securities Inc. The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond was up 2/32, or 63 cents per \$1,000 bond, to 97 4/32. Its yield fell 1 basis point to 6.59 percent. The two-year note's yield was 1 basis point lower at 5.95 %.

Few investors are placing bets until after today's release of the August employment report and next week's retail sales data, both critical to forming a picture of growth in the last part of the year. They're concerned that econom-

US bonds were little changed as ic strength may prompt the avestors looked for evidence that Federal Reserve to raise interest rates by the end of the year to keep inflation from accelerating and the economy from overheating. Our expectations are for a fairly

firm second half," said Rod Davidson, who helps oversee \$1 billion of fixed-income securities at Murray Johnstone Asset Management in Glasgow. Still, consumer prices were up just 1.5 % through the first seven months of the year. That's the smallest annual increase since 1986.

Bond prices tumbled Wednesday after General Motors corp. reported stronger-than-expected car sales for August, fanning concern about an increase in inflation. The drop came just a day after bonds rallied following the release of a report showing manufacturing slowing.



BONDS

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Investors are concerned August's employment report, due today, will show the jobs market is still buoyant and unemployment remains low. In addition, they are preparing for a raft of corporate debt sales in coming weeks.

"There's a lot of supply coming, from all over the globe," said Jack Ablin, who oversees about \$7 billion at Barnett Banks

Jacksonville, Florida. Among expected issuers are Korea Development Bank, he said. Ablin said he's not making a big bet on the direction of interest

rates right now, and is more heavily weighted in corporate bonds than the index by which he measures his performance. In economic reports yesterday, first-time jobless claims climbed

by 2,000 to a seasonally adjusted 326,000 in the week ended Aug. 29, the Labor Department said. While the results aren't included in today's monthly report for August, the figures were an example of the strengthening economy. "It's still consistent with a tight labor market and a vibrant econo-

my," said Joseph Liro, an econo-

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In a further sign that growth remains strong, orders placed with US factories increased in July to a record level, the Commerce Department said. The 0.2 % increase

sonally adjusted \$330 billion - followed a revised 1.7 % gain in June. The increase wasn't expected.

"It paints a much firmer picture of the manufacturing sector," said Anthony Chan, chief economist at Banc One Investment Advisors in Columbus, Ohio. Chan expects the yield on the benchmark 30year bond to climb to 6.75 % by end of September as more investors become concerned that the strong growth will prompt the Fed to raise its target rate for overnight loans between banks. It has been at 5.50% since March.

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Further left, Meretz MK Ran Cohen charged that "the prime minister is being disingenuous when he shifts the onus for terrorism on the Palestinian Authority. Netanyahu has failed to build up adequate contacts with the PA. He moves against it instead of seeking to cooperate

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid asserted that the "the bombs came to sabotage the Albright

mission. Albright must now double her efforts to make her visit successful." In a Ma'ariv article to be published today Sarid urges Albright to put pressure on the Netanyahu government to make concessions to Arafat.

But according to Moledet leader Rehavam Ze'evi, what "the left and the centrist Netanyahu government - no Bibi is not the right wing - fail to understand is that the Arab aim has always been to destroy us.

Despite warnings, the govern-ment eased the closure. This is the opposite from what needs to

be done. We must have total and permanent separation." The head of the Knesset's Eretz

Yisrael front, MK Michael Kleiner of Gesher, argued last night that "once more the Oslo agreement has proved itself a sure-fire recipe for the slaughter of innocent Israeli civilians going about their daily lives. The three blasts ought to be the last three nails in the coffin of these disastrous Oslo Accords." National Religious Party Knesset faction chairman Hanan Porat said "it's high time the prime

rage rang the death knell for the Oslo agreements. He ought to discontinue once and for all the sham of negotiating with Arafat and employ the IDF against the terrorist power bases." Another NRP MK, Zvi Handel, called on Netanyahu to "act against every armed person in the autonomy areas, to immediately close down Orient House, and get the PLO once and for all out of

The Likud issued an official statement calling the bombing "a minister publicly owns up to the tragic reminder of the fact that

fact that the latest terrorist outthe PA has not combatted terrorism and that it allows extremist groups to recruit suicide bombers, to arm and field them against Israeli civilians. Arafat's embraces for Hamas leaders are the message which legitimizes and encourages the perpetrators of these outrages."

Likud MK Gideon Ezra

charged that "Arafat knows you can't capture a small cell of a large organization if you do not target that large organization. The problem is that Arafat does not go after the large terror out-fits."

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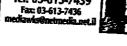
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The fact that the name of the winner was not published immediately indicates that the difference between the two bids was not substantial. It had earlier been announced that if the gap between the bids was large, the committee overseeing the sale reserved the right to announce the winner immediately.

Dan Gerstenfeld

Woman run over by bus in Tiberias

A woman was killed yesterday in Tiberias when she was hit by a bus after stepping off a curb, apparently without look-

A Magen David Adom doctor pronounced her dead at the scene. The bus driver was held for questioning. In Beersheba, a seven-year-old boy was seriously injured when he was struck by a car while crossing the street.

Boyfriend arrested in woman's murder

Jerusalem police arrested a gynecologist, Dr. Eli Rosen, yesterday on suspicion he murdered his girlfriend, who was found dead in her Bayit Vegan apartment in the morning. Police said the woman was shot in the head.

The woman's 11-year-old daughter told police that the man had been in the house Wednesday night. The girl found her mother dead in her bed yesterday morning.

Alleged murderer's remand extended

The remand of Jan Kabatani, the foreign worker arrested about a month ago on suspicion of the murder of Tamar Ben-Yosef, 65, in her Tel Aviv home, was extended for 15 days by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday. Only this week did Kabatani confess to the crime and re-enact it for police. He said he worked as a handyman, and got into an argument with Ben-Yosef over payment for some work he did for her. During the argument, he stabbed her twice, hit her in the head with a brick, and choked her. He left her body in the apartment under several cement bags.

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A magistrate's court released Felix Abutbul on bail yesterday after he spent eight days in jail on suspicion of several Netanya murders, arson, harassment and obstructing a police investiga-

The judge rejected a police argument that it expected more solid evidence to arrive from France in a couple of days, and determined that a line had to be drawn between police needs to investigate and the rights of a suspect.

Abutbul was arrested Aug. 26 on suspicion of murdering Shlomi Cohen in March 1996, his mother in February and her husband, Alex Dubitsky, in May.

OFFICIALS rely on defensive measures." Continued from Page 2

source said. Tidere are some PA. sources who still help us but it's not enough. The security cooperation has to be daily for it to work." The officials said many defensive measures against terrorism have become ineffective. This includes the deployment of more

police in Israeli cities. Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz, one of the security chiefs who briefed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu last night, said Israel must locate and eliminate terrorist strongholds.

"If we don't take care of the infrastructure then we can't ensure that there won't be more attacks," he said. "The way we handle the infrastructure is the key. We can't

Security officials said the decision rests with the government.

After the July 30 Mahaneh Yehuda bombing, the government "The security cooperation with decided to allow Israeli security PA is not good," a senior security forces to operate in PA-controlled operation to nab an escaped Islamic Jihad detainee in Tulkarm last month, the IDF and GSS have stayed out of Area A.

The officials said relying on Israeli raids into PA-controlled areas will signal the end of the

Israeli-Palestinian peace efforts.

They said the US is working hard to prevent this by arranging meetings between the GSS and Palestinian security services, with the attendance of CIA officials.

"Unfortunately, the US finds it difficult to separate the security and political sides of the issue," an official said. "The US can't bring itself to acknowledge the failure of

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After the meeting, Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom told Channel 1 that Israel demands that the Palestinians refused to elaborate on the meet-

CLOSURE

Searching for evidence

Ben-Yehuda yesterday.

Mordechai said the security forces are discussing various possibilities, adding that closure does not offer a complete solution, but is a necessary step that had to be

HELL

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Watching the live television

coverage in the immediate after-

math, I saw them being evacuated

by ambulance and was somehow

certain that they were being taken

When I got there, security peo-ple refused to allow anyone who

wasn't injured into the emergency

entrance. A press pass didn't help.

Entering through the front door, I

was told that an information center

had been set up in the Fertility

Department across the road. There

too, security personnel were more

concerned with keeping people

out than letting them in. But any-

one who got in encountered a bat-

tery of volunteers, medics, and paramedics who were kind, con-

siderate, and efficient.

to Bikur Holim.

Mordechai said he is sure the Anxious relatives and friends, crowded at the counter to enquire if the names of their loved ones were on the Bikur Holim list or

those faxed from Shaare Zedek

A police sapper collects shards of evidence as he sifts through debris outside a cafe on Rehov

"Preventive steps and security

measures have already been

taken. They cannot totally prevent

further attacks, but they can mini-

mize them," he said. "Steps will

be taken in Judea, Samaria, and

Gaza by the Israel Police and

guard public areas and facilities."

Mordechai admitted that the secu-

rity forces had no concrete infor-

mation regarding the identities of

the hombers

In an interview on Channel 1

and Hadassah. A grey-haired man patiently waited his turn. "My kid didn't come home. See if you've got Cohen, Ya'acov on the list." A totally hysterical woman barged in screaming: "They let the

dogs out two days ago and they killed my daughter." Volunteers sat her down and got

her to drink some of the orange juice provided by Ezer Mizion, one of several volunteer organizations which help the sick and their families. The woman gave her daughter's name. It was on the Shaare Zedek list, but that didn't mean that her worst fears were unconfirmed. She was taken into an anteroom where she was gently asked if there was someone at home who could be called. Later,

found the names they were seeking to Shaare Zedek. Word had got out that among the

terrorists came from areas under

Palestinian control. "Those are

the areas that we expect the

Palestinians to rout out and

Former deputy GSS chief MK

Gideon Ezra (Likud) told Channel

I that closure is not an effective in fighting

"All the borders must be closed to

prevent explosives from reaching

Israel and the security forces must

He said the most important ele-

ment Israel should use is intelli-

someone from Ezer Mizion drove

her and two other people who'd

destroy," he added.

buckle down."

casualties brought to Bikur Holim was a 20-year-old woman. A tense young man unable to locate his girl friend begged to know the name of the young woman who had died en route to hospital. So did an older man whose daughter was missing. But the hospital either could not or would not release her name. There was noth-

ing to do but wait. I asked about the Kaufmans over and over again, but their names did not appear on any list. Finally I decided to try Emergency again. This time I got in and followed a television photographer up to the children's ward where I saw Yoram sitting alongside Tamar. "Hello," he said. "I left my car parked outside your house.'

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Buckingham Palace extends route for Diana's funeral

By PAUL MYLREA

LONDON (Reuters) - Under pressure to allow more people to pay last respects to Princess Diana. Buckingham Palace has extended the route her coffin will take to the funeral in Westminster Abbey.

Diana's body will now leave the Chapel Royal at St. James's Palace today and stay at Kensington Palace, the former home of the princess, overnight. It will leave there tomorrow morning for the abbey, the palace said.

The decision will more than treble the distance of the funeral procession to around 5.6 kms.

Buckingham Palace said it made the decision out of consideration for public safety.

'We've always tried to consider a way of lengthening the route in such a way that more people would be able to see the procession in safety," a spokesman said.

But criticism of the royal family mounted, with television news bulletins questioning why Diana's former husband. Prince Charles, and mother-in-law, Queen Elizabeth, had not immediately flown from their Scottish country estate to be beside the body.

The public's view, said Channel Four's Jon Snow, was that it appeared "the House of Windsor does not share the outpouring of love and affection" seen on the streets of London for the "people's

orincess" Criticism has focused on the fact that neither Charles nor the queen have personally delivered the state-

ments about Diana's death. Friends of the royal family sprang

to their defense. Ronald Allison, a former press spokesman for the family, told Channel Four. "They are as griefstricken and full of sorrow as anyone could be.

But the BBC's royal correspondent, Paul Reynolds, said there was no question the royal family appeared to be bowing to "people power" - the thousands of people who have carpeted the ground outside Kensington Palace with flowers and the national outpouring of

"It is people power against protocol. People power is winning at the moment...," Reynolds said.

"The old ways are not necessarily the best ways and I think that raises all sorts of questions about the future of the monarchy and the style

Prime Minister Tony Blair appealed for respect for the royal family's grief as they sought to comfort Diana's sons, William and Напу.

In an unprecedented attempt to quell the growing murmurs, Prince Charles's senior press spokeswoman, Sandy Henney, explained on television why the royal family had remained at their Balmoral estate in Scotland.

"At a time when you lose a member of your family I think you want to be alone with the family," she

Buckingham Palace said Charles, William and Harry would fly to London today from their estate and go to the Chapel Royal where Diana's body has lain since early Monday.

Queen Elizabeth, her husband Prince Philip and the queen mother will travel by train overnight arriving in London for the funeral

tomorrow morning.
"All the royal family, especially the prince of Wales. Prince William and Prince Harry are taking strength from the overwhelming support of the public who are sharing their tremendous sense of loss and grief," Buckingham Palace said Wednesday.
Paul Condon, the chief of

London's police, said several million people were expected in London tomorrow.

Two giant video screens will be exected in the vast open space of Hyde Park to enable another 100,000 people to watch the cere-MONY.

The somber crowds, joined around the world by billions of television viewers, will dwarf the happy throngs who greeted Lady Diana Spencer's fairy tale 1981 marriage to Charles, an ill-starred union that ended in acrimonious

divorce a year ago. After the funeral, more crowds are expected to line the cortege route to Diana's final resting place alongside 20 generations of forebears at the Spencer family estate in central England.

In the capital, tens of thousands have queued around the clock to sign books of condolence. Royal officials first out out five books in a hall at St. James's Palace, but later had to increase the number to 43.

The princess was killed with her millionaire companion Dodi Fayed early on Sunday in Paris when their Mercedes limousine crashed at high



A London policeman looks on yesterday as a woman adds to a mountain of flowers placed outside Kensington Palace where thousands of mourners have gathered all week to pay respects to

paparazzi photographers on motor-

Seven photographers being investigated for manslaughter deny blame for her death.

Some said that the driver, Henri Paul, racing at high speed despite being well over France's drunk-dri-

suers before he crashed. While the streets of London will be packed to overflowing tomorrow morning, the rest of the country is expected to come to a standstill.

Thousands of shops, banks, cinemas and theaters will be shut and the nation will observe a minute's

Even the Scottish Football Association - which had stood out against moving a World Cup match against Belarus at the time that Diana is being buried - backed down on Wednesday night after a public outcry. The match was

Diana's death fuels memorabilia demand

By RICHARD CHANG

NEW YORK (Reuters) Demand for Princess Diana memorabilia has soared since her fatal car crash, as a public she inspired seeks to own a part of her magic, myth and romance.

The worldwide fascination with the princess made hot properties out of Diana mementos, ranging from gaudy trinkets and souvenirs in London stores to her glamorous gowns sold at a Christie's New

York auction in June. "It has a kind of magical value because it makes you feel you are somehow connected with [the princess]. It's also like touching wood or any other sacred subject," said Ruth Rubinstein, sociology professor at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York.

There's such fantasy and romance associated with her. Somehow people don't want to let loose of it," added Jean Drusedow,

director of the Kent State University Museum of Costume and Decorative Arts in Kent, Ohio. "It's such a relief from a humdrum

everyday existence." Since Diana's death Sunday, London's souvenir shops have been flooded with mourners seeking T-shirts, mugs, spoons, anything to hold on to a piece of her

legacy.
While a Diana postcard may cost as little as loose change, prices of limited-edition ceramics commemorating key events in her life are expected to rise sharply.

"I have some real nice pieces of Princess Di. Next week I will take them out and increase their prices by 33 percent," said Ed Sperling, owner of Britannia Past, a store in Kennebunkport, Maine, that sells royalty commemoratives.

Orders to buy the remaining copies of Christie's catalogs for her 79 dresses auctioned in New York to benefit AIDS and cancer patients have soared since her

The dresses, which fetched \$3.2 million - far more than they cost are destined to become even more valuable with time, especially since they are her only personal belongings that the public can buy.

You touch it and your whole life becomes more meaningful," Rubinstein said. "And because you're supporting AIDS [charities), you can be proud that you purchased it."

While it is still too early to assess the impact of Diana's death on memorabilia prices, dresses of hers bought at Christie's are already being donated to be auctioned off again to benefit her humanitarian causes.

Barbara Jordan, who owns the bridal store Bjoux in Boston, has donated all three dresses she bought for \$100,000.

Prices are almost certainly to be even higher than at Christie's because support for Diana's charities will most likely be stronger.

"Some people wanted to possess part of her clothing, but institutions which wrote large checks were really supporting her charities," said Drusedow, who formerly headed the Costume Institute at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Any future auction of Diana's belongings is likely to eclipse even Sotheby's sale of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis' possessions last year, which fetched \$34.5 million.

Diana's death had a far greater impact on the world than those of Jackie Onassis and Italian designer Gianni Versace. whose merchandise enjoyed a surge in demand right after his

So much so that Elsa Klensch, editor of "Style" on CNN, declared, "Glamor is dead," since no one of Diana's stature is likely to emerge in this lifetime,

Even then, will demand for a piece of Diana's magic remain

high forever? Or does one's death merely give celebrity a brief boost that is des-

tined to fade with memory? "Anything goes up after anyone dies because there will be no more. It makes it a limited edition," according to Diane McGee, a vintage clothing dealer and collector in Omaha, Nebraska.



Column One

Bells toll for stiff-necked royals

By Thomas O'Dwyer

Crowds queue to sign books of condolence, flags fly at half staff. cathedral services are planned. It's unremarkable news, no more than one would expect for Princess Diana, except for one detail. This is Dublin, capital of republican Ireland.

A special service of remembrance will be held in the capital's St. Parrick's Cuthedral on Sunday - an ecumenical ceremony including all Christians. The president, Mary Robinson, will be there along with members of the government and members of the parliament and senate. The Irish national flag will be lowered across the country during her funeral in London.

It is highly unusual for Ireland to honor foreign personalities in this way. It is hard to convey how unusual it is for the Irish to feel this way about a British royal. It is a measure of Diana's international power. While, like other foreigners, many Irish have a vicarious interest in the "royal soap opera" of their neighbor. they are heartily glad to be rid of royals, especially British ones.

The country once had an ancient system of royalty - a procession of powerful provincial Celtic kings and queens and a nominal High King based at royal Tara. Some Celuc traditionalists in the independence movement had some airy idea of restoring Celtic monarchy but it was a non-starter. Free Ireland was and is fiercely and resolutely republican.

Stuffy house

The Irish have little but scorn for the stuffy House of Windsor and the principle of (some) inherited power that lives across the water - but that's their British business. The last time flags were flown at half mast for a foreign national was for another British aristocrat - but that was from guilt and shame rather than love. It was in 1979, for Lord Mountbatten, because he was murdered by the IRA while holidaying in Ireland. Before that, it was done for John F.

Kennedy – but he was genuine Irish. The intention of this preamble is not to distract attention from what will beathe most astounding outpouring of British grief the world has ever witnessed at tomorrow's funeral. It is intended to shine a light from the side to sharpen those dark British royals at home.

This is a most dangerous time for the royal family, sealed away in gloomy old Balmoral Castle in Scotland, now so hopelessly out of touch with Britain that the entire bunch could be preserved in aspic and stood in the British museum.

It's capital 'D'

If Diana's Grecian tragedy can reduce the Irish to tears, what are we to make of Diana's erstwhile in-laws. The first two stiff official statements they issued about the death managed not even to mention her name. Hey there, palace - it's D-i-a-n-a!

Emotionally charged events need, like poetry, to be analyzed in tranquility and it may not be the time to say whether Diana's mentory will slowly fade along with the exhausted outpourings of grief.

Probably not. JFK lives on because he was young, handsome and died too early - before the idealism he represented for his generation became tarnished with the uncool errors of middle age. Rare among mere celebrates. Elvis Presley and Marilyn Monroe have not lost their power as icons for new generations for many of the same reasons.

Diana already was an exceptional character, without the added agony of a tragic death. What the British royal family appears not to have grasped is that the British people virtually elected Diana as the royal who was most regal. If there must be such an arcane concept as a ruling royal family in the 1990s - then, they said, let us have Diana.

The titular rulers of Britain are not elected, they are born. But even in 🖤 ancient despotic times, foolish indeed was the king or queen who allowed themselves to drift out of touch with the mood of the people. Fairy tales and legends are replete with rulers who were deemed "wicked" just for that sin.

Horsey hunty

Britain has a monarchy so suff they could not bend protocol to fly a flag at half staff over Buckingham Palace when the crowds are clamoring for just such a simple public mark of respect. Perhaps the people should be thankful the snooty mandarins within haven't complained about the mountain of flowers and

cards piled at the gates. The palace dithered over the statements, they dithered over the funeral arrangements. The royals avoided going out to meet their grieving people and that may be the most unforgivable sin of all. It is obvious to the world that the British people are in deep pain over this loss. This is no longer the stiff-upper-lipped nation of imperial days. Diana taught them to love royalty again not for its stuffy old traditions and horsey-hunty eccentricities - but for her warmth, beauty and compassion. It has fallen to Tony Blair to catch and lead the public mood and twist the arms of the palace protocol merchants.

ivition has been beard of her ste ling work with unfashionable charities. But in more practical patriotic vein she decided to wear only British clothes on her formal appearances. Thus she gave a single-handed boost to reviving the stodgy British fashion industry and all that represented in mundane terms of jobs and exports and national prestige.

This tragedy will prove to be a defining moment for modern Britain - a long-awaited turning point into the future. If the royal family continue to miss the tide of public sentiment tomorrow, when millions take to the streets for the first time since the nation buried Winston Churchill. they may well be left on the shore of the next century as the jetsam of his-

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Friday, September 5, 1997, Erev Shabbat, 3 Elui 5757,

at the Beit Hesped of Hevra Kadisha Kehilat Yerushalayim

at Har Harnenuhot (opposite Herzog Hospital).

The family requests the media not be present.

In deep sorrow we announce the passing of our father, grandfather, and brother Rabbi RAPHAEL LEVY

The funeral took place at Moshav Tzafriya yesterday. September 4, 1997. Shiva at Moshav Tzafriya, No. 21. Mourned by:

> Wife: Yehudit Son: Aharon and family Daughter: Ricki and family

To mark the first yahrzeit of the passing of HELENE ROTENBERG

a service will be held at the Shikun Vatikin cemetery, Netanya, on Sunday, September 14, at 4 p.m.

The Family

Our sincerest condolences to Professor Lawrence Zaizman on the passing of his mother

MENUCHA FREDEL bat Shlomo Todorus

The Officers and Members of the Israel Mathematical Union

The shloshim of our dearly beloved mother and grandmother ROSZI LERBA LEVINGER 🕫

will take place on Tuesday, September 9, 1997 (7 Elul 5757) at 4 p.m., at Har Hamenuhot Cemetery, Section 9. (We will meet in the parking area.) Yossef and Chana Lerba and children Michael Levinger

Jerusalem College of Technology Machon Lev extends heartfelt condolences to Gini Bachrach and family

on the passing of HANS AVRAHAM BACHRACH 🤊

a true friend and benefactor of the college המקום ינוצם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים Prof. Joseph S. Bodenheimer, President JCT on behalf of the faculty, staff and students

Bar-Ilan University deeply mourns the passing of its dear friend

of Australia and Israel. devoted member of the university's Global Board of Trustees.

A man of vision and commitment, Hans assumed outstanding leadership in support of numerous university Torah and science projects and student scholarship and activity programs.

> The university extends deepest condolences to his wife, Gini, and the entire family.

HANS BACHRACH 5"

Bar-lian University, and all those who knew him, intensely feel the pain of his absence.

May you be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem



AGGRESSIVE SWEDE - Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman in action against Petr Korda of the Czech Republic in New York yesterday. Korda retired during the match after complaining of flu-like symptoms.

Hingis wins in New York, Davenport reaches first Grand Slam semifinal

NEW YORK (AP) - Serve tosses floated like only one on a hardcourt, in a three-setter last beach balls in the breeze, groundstrokes flew crazily, and napkins scudded across the court.

Martina Hingis dealt with it all so effortlessly Wednesday night at the US Open, as if she were riding the whipping wind past a befuddled Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, 6-3, 6-2.

For Lindsay Davenport, it took much more of a struggle to tame her game during the blustery afternoon and get past Jana Novotna, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), to earn her first semifinal berth in a Grand

Hingis and Davenport will meet today, each knowing how to beat the other. Davenport dealt Hingis one of her two losses this year, and the

month in Los Angeles, just after Hingis won their three-set duel at Stanford University.

Though the wind blew hard and chilly Wednesday evening, Hingis moved as smoothly as ever, peppered the lines and kept Sanchez Vicario, her doubles partner, running in frantic chases from side to side. Nothing glamorous, nothing dramatic, just a straightforward romp by Hingis that drew perfunctory applause from the shivering crowd.

"Arantxa played very different this time because I think the wind was bothering her," Hingis said. "It was very strange. I almost didn't make one mistake. I played nearly faultless."

Sanchez Vicario couldn't agree more, seeing in Hingis a player who has confidence on every shot.

"Everything for her is working really well," said Sanchez Vicario, the 1994 US Open champion. "Every time she needs a shot, she hits a line." In a men's quarterfinal, Greg Rusedski served at up to 142 mph. a US Open record, to edge 1996 Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek 7-5, 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-5). Rusedski is the first British man in the US Open semifinals since Mike Sangster in

Rusedski will play Jonas Bjorkman, who advanced when Petr Korda retired while losing 7-6 (7-3), 6-2. 1-0. The US Open medical staff said Korda had flu-like symptoms and general fatigue.

Olympic race far too close to call

LAUSANNE (Reuters) Obsessive speculation among International Olympic Committee (IOC) members, bidding cities, sports federations and assorted media over the hosts for the 2004 Summer Olympics reached a predictable conclusion yesterday.

As the five candidate cities enter the final straight before Friday's decision, the race was declared to be far

too close to call. Spin doctors for each of the five candidates Athens, Buenos Aires, Cape Town, Rome Stockholm - have

presented with varying degrees of eloquence conviction argu-

confidence that their city will win. Greek advocates say Athens will gain a majority of votes because IOC members feel guilty about awarding last year's centennial Games to Atlanta instead of to the country which founded both the ancient and

modern Olympics. Their advocates argue that the

apparent to most impartial observers. are better than they were in the past and will disappear by the year 2004. Hotel beds will appear and if they don't cruise ships will house specta-

In addition, they say, the open campaign in favor of Rome waged by world athletics chief Primo Nebiolo of Italy at the world championships

IOC plan no commemoration of 1972 Munich massacre

in Athens last mouth has rebounded

LAUSANNE (Reuters) - The International Olympic Committee does not plan to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the tragic killing of 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Minich Olympics today.

IOC director general francois Carrard But control to the IOC director general than does at the species. do anything to honor the dead at its session. By coincidence, the anniversary falls on the day of the IOC vote to decide the venue of

the 2004 Summer Games. The president paid tribute to the victims at last year's Games in

Atlanta," Carrard said. "There are no plans for a commemoration this year."

against Rome. support of the majority of IOC mem-

But not one has said with any real

Argentines present the attractions the most cosmopolitan city in South America, the seductive Latin lifestyle and support from other IOC members in a continent yet to stage

Cape Town supporters believe they have the support of the African IOC members seeking the Olympics for the first time and say the charisma of president Nelson Mandela will sway problems of transport and pollution,

the city's traffic, have presented a long and detailed submission which they say proved beyond doubt that transport both to and within Italy would be fast and trouble-free.

And Stockholm bid organizers. understandably sensitive after a spate of arson attacks and two bombs this year, say the incidents are not necessarily related and are not part of a

concerned terrorism campaign. Instead they have support of a group of elite athletes and environmen

London makers have lifted Cape Town to second in the bet-

Rome, for no good reason that the South African anizers can discern. "I don't understand how these

things work," one said, before adding with a grin: "But it's not our money." Channel 1 has announced it will

cover the vote live, beginning tonight at 19:30. The program will also feature highlights of a memorial ceremony for the 11 slain Israeli athletes to be held in Munich today.

Samaranch re-elected as IOC president

LAUSANNE (Reuters) - Juan Antonio Samaranch was re-elected as president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for a fourth and final term

at the age of 77 yesterday.

The IOC session gave Samaranch the backing to continue in his post until 2001 after a vote by acclamation. No candidate stood against the Spaniard who first took office in 1980 and who would have served as pres-

ident for 21 years should he complete his last term. Samaranch was originally due to retire this year under IOC rules preventing members standing for office after the age of 75. He was able to stay in power after his Latin allies forced a vote to raise the IOC age

He has played a huge role in turning the Olympic

movement into a successful commercial enterprise and earlier this year signed a television deal for more than \$2 billion with the American network NBC for the 2004 and 2008 Summer Games and 2006 Winter

Samaranch, who will be 81 by the time the next election takes place in 2001, has already said that this will be his last period in office and that the 2000 Sydney Summer Olympics will mark his last Games in charge. He has also said that he would not hesitate to step down at any time if he felt he was not fit enough to contipue in office.

In a speech to the session Samaranch asked to finish his final term in 2001 in Moscow where he was first elected in 1980.

Sweden won't protest rescheduled Scotland match

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o Sunday. Howement is Swedes will ask
FIFA to en the falarus players are able to return-inces, as quickly as possible in orduled i have enough time to prepi test for their September 10 of all against Austria in Minsk. time

because of the funeral tomorrow of Diana, Princess of Wales.

"We will ask FIFA to make sure the team from Belarus are able to return home as quickly as possible since they will have one day less to prepare for their next match," a

Swedish team spokesman said. Scotland currently head group four on 17 points with Austria and Sweden trailing 16 and 15 points respectively. Austria and Sweden meet tomorrow in Vienna but each has two further games to play.

Injured Steeringham out of England World Cup match

LONDON (Reuters) - England Wembley on Wednesday.
The injury increases Hoddle's striker Teddy Sheringham was ruled out of his country's World Cup qualifier against Moldova west week after doctors said yesbehind hthat he had two cracked

wasn't a big dr bilippe Prousi, Glenn Hoddle said walley Paul used i moved from Totte-nd played schester United this sed loved to be out for a minimum & planes. hree vecks "ow. He England play Molder the

Switzerland (Reuters) - European

Ryder Cup captain Severiano Ballesteros named Nick Faldo and

Jesper Parnevik as his wild cards

yesterday and claimed his team for

the September 26-28 match against

the US was stronger than the victo-

the whole team, and the 12 men all fit," said Ballesteros, with obvious

reference to the dropping of injured

Ten years ago when we played at

Muirfield Village I always thought

it would take a really long, long

time to find as good a team as we

had then. I'm glad that I was wrong.

"I think the team that we have for

1997 is by far a better team. I'm

very positive that we are going to

win." Ballesteros urged press and supporters to "Fight, fight as a union

and make sure we win the Ryder

Cup," adding "When I say win that

compatriot Miguel Martin.

"I'm very happy to finally have

rious squad of 1987.

SIERRE.

problems, with his leading striker Alan Shearer already sure to be

out of action until next year due to

an ankle injury. Liverpool's

Robbie Fowler is also injured. England are second in European qualifying group two points behind Italy and will want Sheringham back before what is set to be a decisive World Cup qualifier in Rome on October 11 between the two former winners.

Seve: My k yeer 12 stronger than 1987

a defend or retain the Ryder Cup."

The choice of Faldo and Pamevik

as the wild cards for the Valderrama

ma:tcl. was widely expected after

Jose Maria Olazabal replaced

Martin in the automatic qualifiers.

Faido who was told he was in two

"If I had to have someone play

Faldo responded by saying: "It

"But I'm relieved as well as glad

week's ago was an automatic choice.

the last hole to save my life it would

be Nick - that's why I picked him.'

was a very nice thought of Seve.

to get into the team because I only

found out two weeks ago." Faldo,

who will be something of a father

figure for a young-looking team, added: "I feel I've been a good help

inside the team room for the last

two Ryder Cups and I'm here to do

it again for the team... a swing tip

here, a mental thought there, any-

But while the wild cards were plan-

said Ballesteros.

way I can help."

is exactly what I mean - not to ning ahead. Martin was still furning. will be welcome now.

Mac. Haifa v. Hap. TA highlight of weekend SOCCET

By ORI LEWIS

Maccabi Haifa v. Hapoel Tel Aviv, Betar Jerusalem v. Hapoel Haifa and the Petah Tikva derby are the featured matches of this weekend's soccer action.

Maccabi Haifa and Hapoel Tel-Aviv are both unbeaten in the league, but home advantage for Haifa should help them continue their winning run and assert their early authority on the league.

Betar host the other Haifa side. Hapoel, at Teddy Stadium tomorrow evening in a match which is sure to be filled with emotion following yesterday's Ben-Yehuda

St. bombing outrage.
This weekend's National League fixtures (all matches tomorrow unless stated.:
Hapoel Klar Sava v. Hapoel Jerusalem.
Kfar Sava, today 16:30: Maccabi Haifa v. Hapoel Tel Asiv, Kiryat Elizert IV:45: Bnei Yehuda v. Maccabi Herzliya, Hatikva Quarter 17:00: Hapoel Beit She'an v. Hapoel Ashkelon, Beit She an, today 16:40: Maccabi Petah Tikva v. Hapoel Petah Tikva Petah Tikva 17:00: Ironi Ashedol V. Hapoel Beersheba. Ashdud 16:30: Ironi Hapnel Beersheba, Ashdod 16:30: Ironi Rishon v. Hapnel Beersheba, Rishon 18:10: Betar Jerusalem v. Hapnel Haifa, Teddy Stadium 18:00.

The disgruntled Spaniard, who

was kicked off the team for refusing

to take a fitness test on his injured

wrist, claimed on Thursday he still

had not had any official notification

But he was getting no sympathy

from Ballesteros, who attacked him

again for earlier claiming he had the

After his round in the European

Masters, Ballesteros was handed a

fax from the absent Olazabai who

denied he had backed Martin in his

This fax proves that Martin is

manipulating players," argued Ballesteros, "Jose Maria says that

what appeared in the press saying

he supported Martin's attempt to

made their decision on Martin and there is no way he will play in the

team now," he said. "He wasn't

welcome before. Do you think he

"The Ryder Cup Committee have

get back into the team is wrong

of his removal.

support of Olazabal.

fight to be re-instated.

Red Sox lose despite one-hitter

and Tom Gordon combined on a third-inning homer as the Expos beat the Boston Red Sox. 1-0 on ner since Bill Gullickson in 1991. Wednesday, behind Carlos Perez's

season with two outs in the third, enabling Montreal to complete interleague play with a 12-3 record.

Perez (12-10) pitched the low-hit game of his career. He struck out eight and walked none, allowing a secondinning single to Wil Cordero and a fourth-inning double to John Valentin. Sele (12-12) struck out four and

walked four in seven innings, losing his third straight start and dropping to 1-4 with a 6.40 ERA in his last five. Gordon struck out the side in the eighth.

The National League won

Tigers 12, Braves 4 Tony Clark homered and had five RBIs as visiting Detroit routed John Smoltz and Adanta 12-4, the most runs scored against the Braves since Colorado beat them 16-8 last September 12.

one-hitter but lost on Mike Lansing's runs and eight hits in seven innings to become Detroit's first 15-game win-Cubs 10, Twins 6

Mark Grace had a two-run homer and Ryne Sandberg and Dave Clark drove in two runs for host Chicago, which completed interleague play 9-6.

Jeremi Gonzalez (11-6) became the Cubs' winningest rookie since Mike Harkey went 12-6 in 1990, allowing two runs - one earned and five hits in five innings.

Frank Rodriguez (2-6) left after 3% innings, spraining his right ankle trying to field Lance Johnson's single. Rodriguez gave up five runs and six

Mets 4, Blue Jays 2 Reliever Paul Quantrill's throw-

ing error allowed the tying run to score and Rey Ordonez drove in the go-ahead run in the sixth inning as the Mets won at home. New York's fifth straight win also

was the club's major league-leading 41st come-from-behind victory. Toronto dropped its sixth straight. Toronto took a 2-1 lead in the sixth on Carlos Delgado's 29th homer

only to have Quantrill (6-6) throw it away in the bottom half. Dave Mlicki (7-10) allowed two runs and four hits in six innings for the victory, and John Franco pitched the ninth for his 35th save.

Wajor League Baseball Leaders

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING—L://alker, Colorado, 377; Gwynn, San Diego, 372; Piazza, Los Angeles, 356; Lohon, Allanta, 346, Joyner, San Diego, 336; Alfonzo, New York, 328; MaGrace, Chicago, 222. RUNS-Biggio, Houston, 123; LWalker, Colorado, 123; Bonds, San Francisco, 101; alarvaga, Colorado, 100; Ectfoung, Los Angeles, 96; Bagwell, Houston, 94; Plazza, Los

STRIKEOUTS—Schuling, Philadelphia, 280; P.J.Martinez, Montreal, 255; Smotz, Atlanta, 55 (10mo, Los Angeles, 202; K.J.Brown, Florida, 185; Kile, Houston, 180; AnBenes, St. Louis,

SAVES—JoFranco, New York, 35; Beck, San Francisco, 34; Hoffman, San Diego, 33; ToActell, Los Angeles, 33; Edversley, St. Louis, 33; Nen, Florida, 32; Wohlers, Allanta, 32. AMERICAN LEAGUE

.533 -.507 3½ .496 5 .416 16 .412 16½ z-7-3 z-6-4 5-5 4-6 73 .475 10 4-6 W-2 34-36 32-37 10-6 85 .388 22 3-7 W-1 31-38 23-47 7-9 NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division W L Pct GB L10 Str Home Away Intr 86 53 .619 — 6-4 L-1 43-27 43-26 8-7 83 55 .901 2½ 8-2 W-6 46-23 37-32 12-3 76 62 .551 9½ 6-4 W-5 43-26 33-36 7-8 70 68 .507 15½ 2-7-3 W-3 40-29 30-39 12-3 53 82 .393 31 2-8-2 W-3 31-36 22-46 5-10 New York Central Division 68 .511 - z-3-7 W-1 39-31 32-37 71 .493 2½ 3-7 L-1 38-34 33-37 74 .468 6 6-4 W-2 37-33 28-41 76 .445 9 z-5-5 W-2 34-35 27-41 83 .407 14½ z-5-5 W-2 37-34 20-49 Pittsburgh St. Louis Cincinnati 78 62 .557 - 2-6-4 L-3 43-27 35-35 76 63 .547 1½ 5-5 L-1 40-30 36-33 70 70 .500 8 8-2 W-8 41-28 29-42 .66 74 .471 12 4-6 W-1 33-35 33-39 Los Angeles San Francisco Colorado

Wild Card Standings

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San Diego 6 z-first game was a win

INTERLEAGUE MITERLEAGNE

Detroit 201 603 000—12 15 0

Atlanta 101 001 001—4 16 0

Stair, M.Myers (8), Miceli (9) and Jensen;
Smoltz, Ligtenberg (4), Byrd (5), Cloritz
(7), Embree (8), C.Fox (9) and J.Lopez,
Spein (7), W—Slair, 15-6. L—Smoltz, 1311, HRs—Detroit, To.Clark (29), D.Cruz
(2), Atlanta, Colbrunn (2).

Minnesota 100 010 220—6 10 1
Chi (NL) 220 120 12x—10 15 2
Fr.Rodriguez, Guardado (4), Trombley (5),
Nautty (6), Ritchie (8) and G.Myers,
Steinbach (8); Je.Gonzalez, Botherdeldi
(6), Pisciotta (7), T.Adams (9) and
Servais. W—Je.Gonzalez, 11-6. L—
Fr.Rodriguez, 2-6. HTS—Minnesota,
Ma.Grace (11).

Boston 000 000 000--0 2 0 Montreal 001 000 00x--1 1 1 Sele, Gordon (8) and Haselman; C.Perez and Fletcher. W--C.Perez, 12-10. L--Sele, 12-12. HR---Montreal, Lansing (17).

Cleveland 000 501 010—7 7 3
Pittsburgh 101 000 010—3 8 1
Hershiser, Assenmacher (7), MJackson (7), Mesa (9) and Borders, Loaiza, Christiansen (7), Filncon (7), Ruebel (8) and Kendall. W—Hershiser, 13-5. L—Loaiza, 10-10. HRs—Cleveland, Vizquel (3), Rarnirez (24), M.WBlams (29).

Kansas City 000 000 300—3 5 1 Cinchristi 150 000 00x—6 8 1 Bones, Hanay (3), Service (5), Olson (7), Whisenart (8), Bevli (8) and MiSweeney; Torriko, P.Martinez (7), Sullivan (8), Shaw (9) and Taubensee. W—Torriko 10-5. L— Bones 3-5. Sv—Shaw (30). HRs— Cincinnati, Reese (3), Taubensee (10).

Mitwaukee 000 000 000—0 5 1 Houston 001 000 30%—4 7 0 Karl, AReyes (8) and Matheny, PiGarcia and Ausmus, W—PiGarcia 6-8. L—Karl

NY (AL) 200 020 000—4 7 0
Philadelphia 000 112 001—5 11 0
Gooden, Boehringer (6), Lloyd (7),
Nelson (8), Stanton (8) and Posada,
Girardi (6); T.Green, Stephenson (6),
Ryan (7), Karp (8), Spradlin (9) and
Lieberthal, W—Spradlin 3-6, L—Stanton
6-1, HRs—New York, Curtis (14),
Philadelphia, Stocker (4).

Toronto 100 001 000—2 5 2

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Person, Quantrill (6), Plesac (7), Crabtree (7) and BSantilago, S.Martinez (7); Micki, McMichael (7), Rojas (8), J.Franco (9) and Hundley, W—Mickl 7-10. L—Quantrill 6-6. Sv—J.Franco (35). HR—Toronto, C.Delgado (29).

Baltimore 000 330 000—6 9 0
Florida 200 103 001—7 13 0
Kamieniecki, Br.Williams (6), Orosco (7),
A Benitizz (3), Boskie (9) and Webster;
A Letter, Alfonseca (6), F.Heredia (7),
Powell (9) and C.Johnson, W.—Powell 52. L.—Boskie 6-6, HRs—Baltimore,
C.Ripken (16), Florida, Sheffield (17).

Chi (AL) 200 000 000—2 10 0
St. Louis 002 001 01x—4 12 2
Eyre, N.Cruz (7), Levine (8), T.Castillo (8)
and Fabregas, Karkovica (7), Machado
(8); Aybar, Frascatore (7), C.King (8),
Eckersley (9) and Marrero, Diffelice (9).
W—Aybar 1-4. L—Eyre 2-3. Sy—Eckersley (33). HR—St. Louis, Gaettl
(15).

Los Angeles 001 001 000—2 8 1
Texas 000 011 03x—5 11 1
1.Valdes, Dreifort (8), Radineky (8),
Osuna (8) and Prince; Wift, Patierson (8).
Wittelland (9) and I.Flodriguez. W—
Patierson 9-5. 1—Dreifort 5-2. Sy—
Wetteland (28). HRs—Texas, I.Rodriguez
(15), L.Stevens (16).

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Caldand 020 004 51x—12 11 1
D.Danvin, Mulholiand (5), Tavarez (6),
Poole (7), C.Balley (7) and B.Johnson;
Rigby, Taylor (7), Groom (7), A.Small (7)
and Mayne, W—Rigby 1-5. L—D.Danvin
0-2. Sv—A.Small (4). HR—Caldand,
Mayne (5).

San Diego 010 021 110—6 12 1
Seattle 000 050 000—5 5 0
Menhart, Curmane (5), Bruske (5),
D.Verss (7), T.Wonell (8), Hoffman (8)
and Flaherty, Olivares, Spotleric (7), Timlin (8), Chariton (8) and D.Wison, W—
D.Veras 2-0. L—Timlin 4-4. Sv—Hoffman (33). HRs—San Diego, S.Finley (25),
Carminil (21), Joyner (11).

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Sports Editors Joseph Hollaum and Orl Leaks

almost certainly end his professional career. "I can confirm officially that the second test ... confirmed the first cocaine. test. That means the test was posi-

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters) - A second test Wednesday confirmed hat Diego Maradona's urine samle tested positive for forbidden ibstances after the first league atch of the season last week, rgentine soccer authorities said. After two former bans, first for ting positive for cocaine in 1991 then for performance-enhancdrugs in 1994, the ban that will

follow this latest decision will

tive." Albino Bemposta, head of the anti-doping commission of the Argentine Football Association.

AFA did not say what drug

Maradona positive in second dope test Maradona tested positive for but after the first test the greatest of the soccer stars' club. Social June 1991 said he understood the drug of

> Maradona will now be semmoned by the sanctions committee of the AFA but it was not immediately clear when that will happen nor when the sanction will be

MONTREAL (AP) - Aaron Sele
August 19, 1995.
Willie Blair (15-6) gave up three

two-hitter. Lansing hit his 17th homer of the

in Interleague play, 117-97

Smoltz (13-11) was tagged for eight runs and 10 hits in 35 innings, his shortest outing since St. Louis chased him after three innings on

STOLEN BASES—DSanders, Cincinnati, 56; Wornack, Pittsburgh, 47; DeShields, St. Louis, 42; BeYoung, Los Angeles, 40; Biggio, Houston, 35; Overas, San Diego, 30; Mondesi, 103 Angeles, 30; Particle Riversian (Inc.) Decisions)—Neagle, Atlanta, 19-3, 864, 270; Estes, San Francisco, 18-4, 518, 3-12; GMaddur, Atlanta, 17-4, 810, 2.39; Kile, Houston, 17-5, 773, 2.39; Pulmantnez, Morried 15-6, 727, 1.63; Juden, Montreal, 11-5, 687, 4.22; Park, Los Angeles, 13-6, 684, 212.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

8 4TTING—Frhomas Chicago, 356; Justos, Cieveland, 337; BeWilliams, New York, 329; Gres Texas, 328; EMartinez, Seattle, 327; Ramirez, Cleveland, 326; SAlomar, Cleveland, 328; Moray, Texas, 326.

FUNS—Gameroparra, Soston, 107; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 105; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 103; 103; Moray Jr., Seattle, 104; File Mew York, 101; Filhomas, Chicago, 97; BLHunter, Derroit, 95; EMartinez, Seattle, 94, 53;—Gameroparra, Soston, 162; Greer, Texas, 170; Jeter, New York, 109, Filhomas, 170; Jeter, New York, 164; Filhodriquez, 170; Jeter, New York, 164; Filhodriquez, 170; Jeter, New York, 165; Filhodriquez, 170; Jeter, New York, 164; Filhodriquez, 170; Jeter, New York, 41; Thoma, Cleveland, 36; Moray, Seattle, 164; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 54; Nixon, Toronto, 43; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 54; Nixon, Toronto, 47; Moray, Seattle, 144, 776, 3-91; Erdson, Baltimore, 32; Clemens, Toronto, 20; 161; 172; Morays, Seattle, 144, 776, 3-91; Erdson, Baltimore, 155, 750, 3-40; Hershisser, 150; Jeter, Baltimore, 155, 750, 3-40; Hershisser, 150; Jeter, Baltimore, 156; Rick Ports, 156, 714, 415.

STRIKEOUTS—Rauchnson, Seattle, 264; Clemens, Toronto, 244; Cone, New York, 215; 35-7a. Bahmare, 197; Appier, Kansas City, 166; Fassero, Seattle, 181; CFinley, Anahelm, SAVES—MRIvera, New York, 40; RaMyers, Baltimore, 40; Doulones, Milwauloce, 31; Walterand, Texas, 28; RHernandez, Chicago, 27; Toulones, Detroit, 26; Percival, Anghelm, 23; Affician, 15, Percival, Anghelm, 23; Affician, 15



Peace Notebook

Children from Kibbutz Mevo Hama yesterday present Education Minister Zevulun Hammer with a meter-long 'Peace Notebook,' in which they collected 10,000 signatures from children all over the country.

Israel won't ratify chemical weapons pact

GENEVA (Reuters) - Israel cannot not ratify a major treaty because none of the Arab states it suspects of stockpiling them has even gone so far as to sign the pact, Foreign Ministry Director-General Eytan Bentsur, told the UN-backed Conference on Disarmament yesterday.

He accused Iraq and North Korea of being "recent examples" of countries clandestinely pursuing nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons.

He drew angry words from Iraqi Ambassador Barzan Tikriti, halfbrother of leader Saddam Hussein, who said Israel itself was to blame.

"If some of the countries of the Middle East - and I'm speaking here of the Arab states which have acquired strategic weapons the reason countries have acquired these is a result; it is not

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

demand by British mourners paying respects to

Ronny Hasid, a spokesman for the Israel

Flower Board, said yesterday that 15 million

flowers were sent to Europe this week, as com-

Most of the flowers in England are supplied

pared to the usual shipment of 10 million.

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the late Princess Diana.

as an initiative. It was reaction to the fact that Israel has acquired banning chemical weapons strategic weapons, and the most serious of these are nuclear weapons," he said.

Bentsur named Iran as being "another example of a state currently engaged" in acquiring nonconventional capabilities.

"Israel calls on the international community to prevent such dangerous developments which will further destabilize the Middle East and pose a grave threat to many countries," he added.

Iran's delegation in turn denounced what it called Israel's "stubborn pursuit" of weapons of mass destruction.

"It is ironic to hear these allegations from a country which has not ratified the NPT and not accepted IAEA safeguards," said Iranian delegate Bozorgmehr Ziaran, referring to inspections by the International Atomic Energy

Israel has rushed about 5 million extra flowers to meet the needs of growing numbers of

the funeral," Hasid said.

slow at this time," he added.

"I would say it definitely had an impact on

Hasid said the main request was for roses and

solidago which were being supplied mainly by

moshavim and kibbutzim in the upper Negev

the market, which is otherwise usually fairly

But Bentsur reiterated that Israel is not ready to sign the global nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty as it does not find the 1970 pact an "adequate response to its own security problems and regional concerns.

Israel is mainly worried about Iraq, but to some extent about Iran and Syria, too," one Western ambassador said. "The speech was very much the Israeli perspective on the region. It is not the full story."

Bentsur said chemical weapon threats against Israel had grown since 1993, when it became one of the original signatories of the pact banning the acquisition, development, production, transfer, and use of the arms. It also provides for destruction of stocks.

"Israel then made it clear that would seek to ratify the convention subject to regional concerns

by Dutch markets, "There were many calls" and Sharon regions. The added sales were

from Europe with requests that we send flow- expected to bring in some NIS 3 million,

constraints and legislative timetable," he said. "These considerations remain no less valid "Israel is aware of, indeed it welcomes, the fact that certain

Arab states have signed, and that some have even ratified the convention. However, it is unfortunately also a well-known reality that none of the CW [chemical weapons] capable or suspect CWarmed Arab states have signed, let alone ratified, the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Bentsur also said Israel, which has extended its moratorium on exports of anti-personnel landmines to 1999, is unable to commit itself for now to a total ban on their use until an effective alternative is available to ensure the protection of civilians "threatened on a daily basis by terror-

Meanwhile, Israeli lyricist Ben Reuven, 53,

"Let's Sing A Song For Lady Di." It was broad-

the Royal Family," he said.

Israel sends millions of flowers for Diana mourners over wages.

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formal labor dispute declared a month ago by Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz against Finance Minister Yaakov change pension and labor agreements.

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Bakshi-Doron backs Neeman reform plans

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron yesterday came out in support of Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman's plan to reform the operations of the religious councils and subsidies for yeshiva students.

However, he stressed that he was not relating to the specifics of Neeman's proposals, but to his intention to tackle issues that need to be dealt with.

He said that there is nothing in Halacha that necessitates the formation of religious councils, adding that the fact that their members are political appointees is disturbing to the rabbinate.

He also said that there are yeshiva students who were forced into full-time study and whose presence there is difficult both for them and the yeshiva. He said he related positively to an effort to solve this problem.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu noted that, in addition to Bakshi-Doron, Neeman's plan has the support of other yeshiva heads and rabbis.

Speaking to a gathering of may-ors in Bat Yam, Netanyahu

Histadrut suspends sanctions

In the wake of yesterday's bombings, the Histadrut decided yesterday to freeze a wave of work disruptions and sanctions launched in protest against government economic policy.

Until the attacks occurred, some 25,000 workers had staged partial walkouts in 22 workplaces nationwide over the last two

Before the bombings the Histadrut had ordered some 80,000 local council workers to stage sanctions on Sunday.

Some 4.000 employees in the income and property tax offices also continued a second day of sanctions yesterday in a dispute

The sanctions were part of a

cast yesterday on Israel Radio's Reshet Peretz had threatened to esca-"I write songs for special occasions and I was late the measures to a general particularly moved by her death, since I come strike unless the government from England and have particular empathy for showed more flexibility in nego-

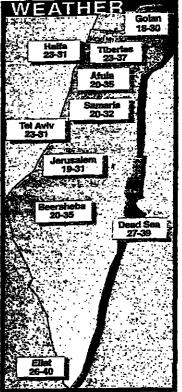
praised Neeman's work, and

noted that he is raising various ideas, but has yet to present a concrete plan for reforming the religious councils or incorporating yeshiva students into the work-

From what I understand," he said, "we are not talking about hurting yeshiva students, but precisely the opposite. The intention is to aid those yeshiva students who want to join the workforce."

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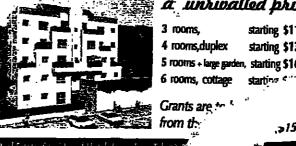






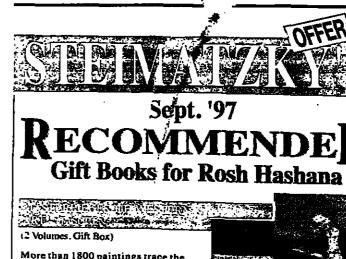


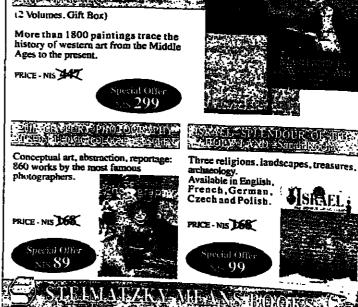




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